



# AGAWAM

## Advertiser News

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### Appraisal Day At Captain Leonard House



**THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION** held its Annual Appraisal Day at the Captain Charles Leonard House. Residents were given the opportunity to have old items appraised by professional appraiser Douglas Bilodeau. Here, Leonard House Trustee Elizabeth Pond receives an estimate of how much two of her treasured belongings are worth. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Drug Awareness Night Set For AHS Athletes

Please note that on Monday, December 9th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Agawam High cafeteria, a special Drug-Alcohol Awareness program will be held for all school-boy/schoolgirl winter sports athletes. This program must be attended by the athletes, one parent, and coaches.

For further information on this very special evening, please contact Athletic Director Clifford Kibbe at the Agawam High School. He is available Monday to Friday at the school.

Health educator Ron Rix and Agawam Police Officer James Frantz will conduct the meeting.

### Mercadante Plan Again Draws Fire From Neighbors

As expected, local developer James V. Mercadante has run into strong interference from Pineview Circle residents concerning his plans to build 180 condominium units on an adjacent parcel of 33 acres.

This is Mercadante's second attempt to see the project passed. Last April, the Planning Board members failed to reach an agreement on the proposal and sent a deadlocked recommendation to the Agawam Town Council who later defeated it.

The land has been the focal point of much controversy involving Pineview Circle residents in recent years, including a former proposal to create a low to middle income subsidized housing complex on the property.

#### Says Plan Is Altered

Mercadante again appeared before the Planning Board on November 21st with what his attorney, Stephen W. Silverman, said is an altered plan. The new plan, unlike the one presented last April, would eliminate an access drive on Pineview Circle and the entrance of the complex would be on Main Street.

According to Silverman, this would leave a .87-acre portion of the land as a buffer zone between the single-family homes in the area and the condominiums.

At a public hearing before the council on Monday, December 2nd, Pineview Circle residents intensified their attacks on the project and four residents even went as far as stating that Town Council President Donald M. Rheault was in conflict to vote on the project because of family ties to Mercadante.


SEE MERCADANTE - Page 3...



**AGAWAM RESIDENT JAMES MERCADANTE** (left) displays condominium plans to members of the Agawam Town Council on Monday night, as his attorney, Stephen W. Silverman, explains the project. Mercadante wants to rezone 33 acres of land abutting Pineview Circle for 180 condominium units.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.





# Letters To The EDITOR

## Thanks (For) Giving

### To The Editor:

Agawam is indeed fortunate to have in its community, one of the finest long-term care facilities in the Commonwealth, where patient care is the highest priority.

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All the administrators of  
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Jean M. Clifford, Administrator

## Thanks Go To Laura Dugan

### To The Editor: (Laura Dugan, reporter)

Thank you belatedly, but sincerely, for the article you wrote about me and my family. You did a superb job. I enjoyed sitting with you on the porch most of all. You're a lovely person. May God bless you and your family.

Gay Reynolds Langlois  
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## Stopping Acid Rain In Massachusetts

### To The Editor:

Acid rain in Massachusetts means rainfall that is only slightly less acidic than vinegar.

Acid rain in Massachusetts means that six percent of our water bodies are already acidified (in other words, they are incapable of regenerating most forms of life). Another 17 percent are in critical condition, in imminent danger of losing their natural ability to neutralize the falling rain.

Acid rain in Massachusetts means an increase in the level of toxic materials in our drinking water because of acid rain's interaction with the metals in our water pipes. This is a direct threat to the public's health.

In addition, acid rain damages buildings and automobiles and deteriorates our forests, crops, and soils. This year, hundreds of millions of dollars are being spent to try to remedy these effects in Massachusetts alone.

The western part of the state has over 100 acidified or critical condition reservoirs, lakes, and streams due to acid rain.

Mixed with water in the atmosphere, sulfur and nitrogen emissions from the burning of fuels such as coal and oil form mild solutions of sulfuric and nitric acids which are known as acid rain. (Sulfur dioxide emissions contribute about two-thirds of all acid deposition).

While the Midwest is often blamed for our acid rain woes, we in Massachusetts are significant contributors to our own problem. About one-third of the acid rain in this state is emitted by Massachusetts sources.

There is, however, a silver lining: substantial reductions now of these emissions in Massachusetts would mean safe levels of acid deposition in many parts of the state.

In addition, the deterioration of our more sensitive water bodies, soils, and forests would be slowed significantly.

New York, New Hampshire, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota have all recently enacted programs to reduce emissions that cause acid rain. Massachusetts should follow suit. An acid rain measure (S.1187) is now before the legislature that would reduce Massachusetts emissions by 20 to 30 percent. The bill's focus is on large facilities with high sulfur emissions.

Responsible action is needed this year. Otherwise, chicken-little will be right: acid rain means the sky is falling.

Sincerely,  
Mike Sheen  
79 Perry Lane  
Agawam

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### TOWN OF AGAWAM Board Of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1985 at 8:00 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of DAVID A. LADIZKI, AGENT FOR CYNTHIA LORGE who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 20, Paragraph 11 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the construction of an animal hospital on the premises known as 1194 SPRINGFIELD STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals  
Theodore A. Progulski  
Chairman  
Published: November 26th, 1985

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### LEGAL NOTICE

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 16, 1985 at 8:00 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on a Class II Dealer License for Point View Auto Sales, 1039 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

Ursula Retzler  
Clerk of the Council  
Published: December 5th, 1985

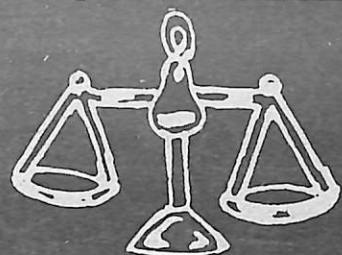
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#### AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 12, 1985, at 7:00 p.m., in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. This hearing, pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 131, Section 40, is called to act upon the petition of Emil Barbero, AMY Development Corporation, to perform work subject to the ACT on 59 Mill Street, Agawam, MA.

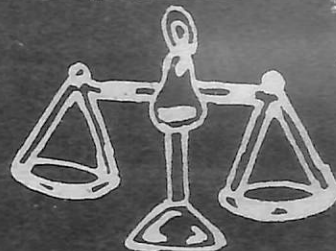
Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman  
Agawam Conservation Commission  
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**SPRINGFIELD ATTORNEY KENNETH SHEA** represented the Pineview Circle residents at Monday night's public hearing. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

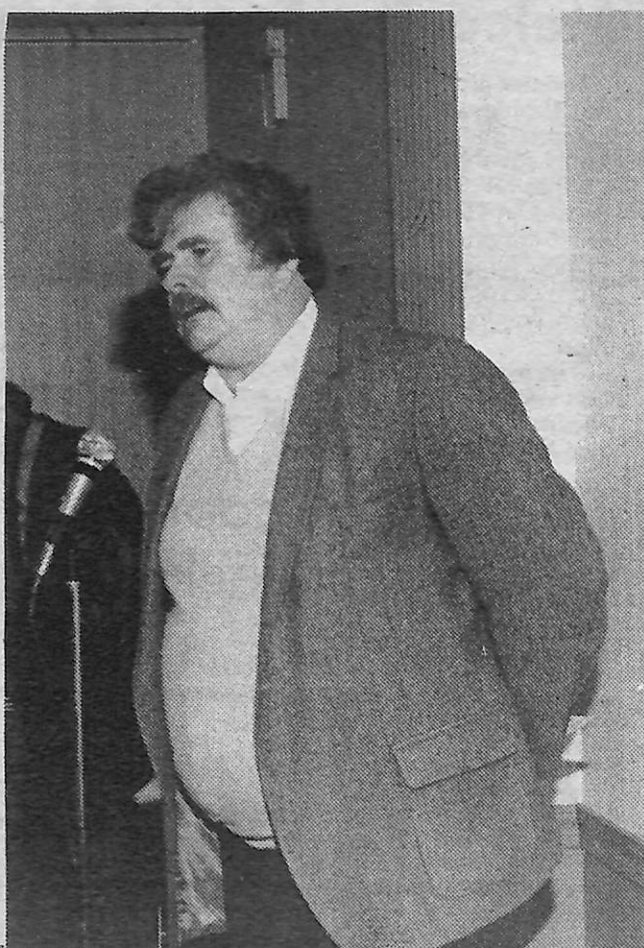
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## LEGAL NOTICE



**LOCAL DEVELOPER ROBERT LLOYD** appeared at Monday's public hearing and supported the condominium project proposed by resident James Mercadante.

### Chamber Of Commerce Plans Christmas Breakfast

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce will plan its Annual Christmas Breakfast at Chez Josef, Tuesday, December 10th, from 7:45 to 9:00 a.m.

Guest speaker will be Town Manager Reid Charles. Charles will review his experiences in office since assuming the duties of Town Manager of Agawam.

There will be an introduction of new members. Door prizes will be presented by Santa Claus. Reservations are \$6.50 per person.

### Mercadante Zone Change - From Page 1...

Rheault said he was again in favor of Mercadante's plan as he was last April. Residents Donna R. and Robert D. Shea, Kathleen A. Donabed, and Paul C. Cavallo, a guidance counselor at Agawam High School, have asked Town Attorney Anthony C. Bonavita to rule on their claim of a conflict of interest on Rheault's part.

Rheault today said no conflict of interest exists because of his family ties to Mercadante. "This will not influence my position whatsoever. If these citizens were even remotely concerned about fair play, they would simply check the record and see that I've always been in favor of condominiums as a way to build the town's tax base. Their claims of conflict of interest only proves their own ignorance of the law and self-interest," Rheault said.

"I believe they should be seeking legal counsel from their own attorney on this matter rather than wasting the taxpayers money by asking the town attorney (Anthony Bonavita) to make a ruling.

The council is scheduled to vote on the project on December 16th. However, because enough abutters have signed a petition against the project, it will need 12 votes instead of 10 to be approved.

A leading spokesman for the Pineview Circle neighbors, Richard Joseph, a teacher in the Agawam School System who lives at 66 Ridge Drive, told councilors Monday night, "This development would put everybody in everybody's backyard because of insufficient frontage for the condominiums. You are responsible for deciding the growth pattern and future of Agawam."

Precinct 6 Councilor Alfred Trehey and Precinct 2 Councilor Dorothy Nelsen registered their opposition to the project.

### Has Received Support

Mercadante has previously received support from Precinct 3 Councilor Jack Shaughnessy who publicly voiced his intention to vote for the project in the press.

Another individual who spoke at the council's public hearing was Agawam developer and realtor Robert Lloyd, who said there is a great need for affordable housing in Agawam.

"Condominiums bring a lot of tax money to the town with very little strain on town services," Lloyd said.

Mercadante's request for the zone change to residential A-3 from residential A-2 and agricultural allows eight multi-family units per acre up to a total of 250 on this parcel.

If the project is denied, Mercadante could construct up to 50 single family homes on the parcel and use Pineview Circle as an entrance, according to his attorney.



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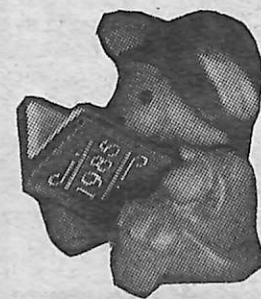
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## Obituaries

### Marion Loomis

Agawam: Marion L. (Lindsey) Loomis, 86, of 19 Horsam Place, Feeding Hills, a teacher for 28 years, died Sunday, December 1st, in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield.

Born in Chicopee, she had lived in Springfield most of her life and moved to Agawam six years ago.

She graduated from Simmons School for Girls in 1922 and taught for 28 years, including 10 years at Palmer High School. She retired in 1968. She had previously worked at the former Springfield Armory.

She was a member of the Wachogue Congregational Church, Springfield, the Springfield Women's Club and the Simmons College Club.

Her husband, James H. Loomis, died in 1976.

She leaves a son, James H. Jr. of Feeding Hills; a daughter, Marilyn Clark of Virginia; a brother, Franklin of Albuquerque, New Mexico; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

The funeral was Tuesday afternoon in the church with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, Springfield. The Colonial Funeral Home, Agawam, was in charge.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Agawam Lions Club Eye Research Fund or the Agawam Lioness Club Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 52, Agawam, 01001.

### Edward E. Gossman, Sr.

Edward E. Gossman Sr., 66, of 70 Belvedere Avenue Feeding Hills, a retired 10-year machinist at EBTEC Company, died Monday, December 2nd, at home.

Born in Westfield, he lived in Feeding Hills for 35 years. He leaves his wife, the former Agnes Crook; a son, Edward E. Jr., of Chicago; two daughters, Barbara Sambrook of Feeding Hills and Catherine Gregoire of Chicopee; a brother William; four sisters, Frances Mandeville of Springfield, Louis Abodeeb of Longmeadow, Margaret Hunt of Warehouse Point, Connecticut, and Agnes Bennett of Westfield; and four grandchildren.

The funeral was Thursday morning, December 5th, at the Curran Jones Funeral Home and in Sacred Heart Church with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

### Francis R. Markowski

Agawam: Francis R. Markowski, 70, of 75 Amherst Avenue, in the Feeding Hills section, died Saturday, November 30th, in Northampton Veteran's Administration Medical Center. Markowski, a Worcester native, was an Army veteran of World War II. He was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church. He leaves his wife, the former Antoinette Zadroga; a son, Paul; a daughter, Carolyn Lehberger, both of Feeding Hills; a sister, Jenny Mozinski of Florida; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild. The funeral was Wednesday at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church with burial in St. John's Cemetery, Clinton. Donations may be made to any charity.

## SIS To Close Offices On Saturday, Dec. 7th

Springfield Institution for Savings (SIS) announced today that all bank offices will be closed for one day on Saturday, December 7th, to allow the bank to switch to new computer systems and equipment.

All offices (excluding the branch at the Baystate West shopping mall) will remain open late the preceding Friday evening, closing their doors at 8:00 p.m., to reduce customer inconvenience. All branches will open their doors on Monday, December 9th, at the usual time.

According to bank spokesman Lawrence D. Beane, executive vice president and chief operating officer, SIS could not install the new computer equipment while the bank is in operation.

"We have to close on a Saturday because it will take 48 hours to remove the existing system and replace it with the new equipment," he said. "We'll be working straight through from Friday night to late Sunday night."

Each of the bank's SISem 24 automatic teller machines will also be closed for one day during the prior week, December 2nd to 7th. Signs will be posted at each branch stating on what day the machine at that branch will not be operating.

## Melconian Supports Workmen's Comp Bill

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) expressed her strong support and endorsement of the workers compensation reform bill that passed the senate before Thanksgiving.

"The bill brings accountability to the workers compensation system. It is a responsible and workable bill. Most importantly, it speeds up the process in insurer reimbursement payments and establishes a viable program of vocational rehabilitation. I believe it is fair to both employer and employee," said Senator Melconian.

The most important provision, from the point of view of injured workers and employers in Western Massachusetts, is the establishment of a permanent office in Springfield.

"Regionalization is critical to any reform of the industrial accident board. Section 15 provides regionalization which will assure a decentralization of power and decision making in Boston, providing accountability of the industrial accident to greater Springfield area injured workers.

"With a permanent workers compensation office in Springfield, an industrial accident board commissioner assisted by adequate supportive staff and personnel will be able to schedule, hear, and render decisions on all cases affecting Western Massachusetts workers," said Senator Melconian.

"These important corrective changes are long overdue," concluded Senator Melconian.

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please call Jack Devine at his home, 789-0053. If Jack is out, please leave a message.

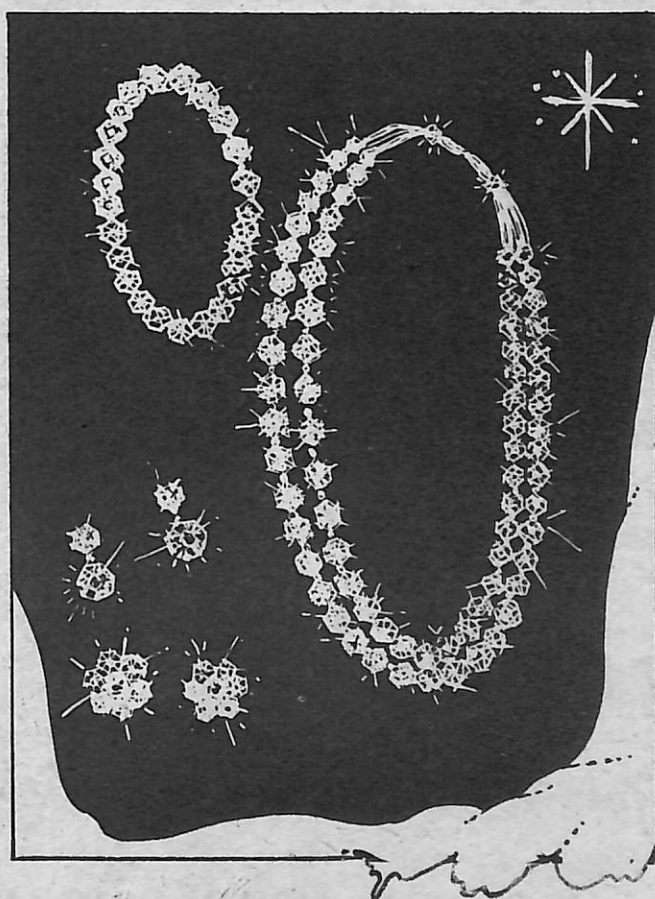
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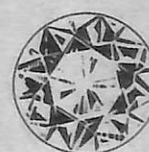
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## SIS Announces Two Promotions

Two promotions were recently announced within the Retail Banking Division of SIS, according to James W. Broderick Jr., SIS vice president.

Karen Morrissey, a Feeding Hills resident and graduate of Cathedral High School, was named branch sales manager of the Holyoke Mall Office at Ingleside.

She began her banking career with SIS in 1978 as a teller. She worked in several SIS offices and was promoted to assistant branch manager in 1981.

Gail Gauthier, a Chicopee resident and graduate of Cathedral High School, was named assistant manager of the Cooley Allen Office of SIS, 441 Cooley Street in Springfield.

She graduated from Holyoke Community College in 1981 and began her banking career with SIS in 1980 as a teller. She has worked at several SIS offices and was promoted to head teller in 1984.

## TV 22 Meteorologist Wins Society Seal Of Approval

TV22 meteorologist Steve Caporizzo has been awarded the American Meteorological Society's Seal of Approval for television weathercasting.

To obtain the seal, the weathercaster must excel in technical competence, present weathercasts of significant informational value, adequately explain weather-producing processes, and communicate information and explanations skillfully.

The review process is divided into two basic parts, one involving the five-member Board of Broadcast Meteorology which evaluates the weathercaster on the basis of a tape received from the applicant.

The other part is the reviewer evaluation by members of the society residing in the applicant's area who view the applicant's performance on his regular program.

Caporizzo is a graduate of Lyndon State College with a bachelor of science degree in meteorology. During his professional career, he has been a forecaster for Accu-Weather, Inc., for the New England Weather Service, for Fleetweather, Inc., and head meteorologist for WABI-TV, WABI-AM, and WBGW-FM in Bangor, Maine.

His weather forecasts can be seen each weeknight at 5:30, 6:00 and 11:00 p.m. on NewsCenter22.

## Best Hometown News

### MUNICIPAL EVENTS

## COLONIAL FUNERAL HOME

**Saturday, December 7th**  
**Monthly Breakfast Meeting**  
**Agawam Republicans**  
**Da Vinci's Restaurant**  
**8:30 A.M.**

**Thursday, December 9th**  
**Board of Appeals**  
**Town Hall Annex**  
**7:30 P.M.**

**Tuesday, December 10th**  
**School Committee Meeting**  
**Junior High School**  
**7:00 P.M.**

**Monday, December 16th**  
**Town Council Meeting**  
**Public Library**  
**8:00 P.M.**

## Colonial Funeral Home

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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### TOWN OF AGAWAM HEALTH DEPARTMENT NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT FOR A SOLID WASTE ENERGY RECOVERY FACILITY

Pursuant of the provisions of Chapter 111, section 150A of the General Laws and by virtue of the authority granted to the Board of Health, and following a public hearing held on November 10, 1983, the requested site assignment for the following has been granted.

Solid Waste Energy Recovery Facility - six (6) acre parcel of land located on Bondi's Island, northerly of the Bondi's Island waste treatment plant, and easterly of Route 5, and westerly of the Connecticut River.

John Negrucci, Chairman  
Agawam Board of Health  
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## Agawam Republicans To Meet At DaVinci's

Agawam Republicans will meet for a monthly breakfast meeting on Saturday, December 7th, at 8:30 a.m., at DaVinci's Restaurant, North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

The program will be an analysis of the recent election results, including voter patterns and its significance to the future strategy of revitalizing the Republican Party.

At the November meeting, some plans were discussed for programs for the months ahead. In January, State Representative Steven Pierce (R-Westfield) will speak on upcoming legislative issues.

In February, a state committee person will speak on the State Republican Convention in April.

For the March meeting, a discussion on voter registration is planned.

In April, a joint meeting with members of the Republican Town Committees from nearby towns is planned, with U.S. Representative Silvio Conte (R-Pittsfield) as the speaker.

At the May meeting, the local Republicans will invite graduating seniors from local high schools and colleges interested in Young Republican issues.

All interested Republicans and Independents are welcome to attend any or all of these meetings.

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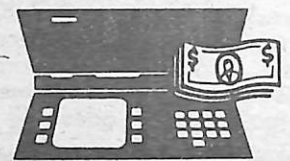
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# Families

## Bethany Assembly Holds Holiday Bazaar



**HOLIDAY BAZAARS CERTAINLY** are the order of the town throughout the community and Bethany Assembly of God held its Holiday Bazaar at the Captain Charles Leonard House. In photo left, Sandy MacDonald and Odette Paixao stand next to the beautiful floral display. In photo right, Donna Sheperd and Sandy Robb take a look at handmade crafts available at the bazaar. Advertiser News

photos by Jack Devine.

### Granville Quilt Guild To Hold Annual Party

The Annual Christmas Party of the Granville Quilt and Needlework Guild will be held on Tuesday, December 17th, at the Federated Church, Route 189, Granville. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m.

A hot buffet dinner will be catered by Valenti's Restaurant of Agawam at 7:00 p.m. Dinner reservations must be made before December 10th with Verna Sadowski, 568-5127, or Eleanor Tonelli, 732-1965. There is no charge for Guild members. There will be a \$6 charge per dinner guest.

There will be a gift exchange among members and door prizes.

A handmade ornament contest will be held. Two categories will be judged: tree ornaments and large decorations. Contestants will be grouped as instructors or non-instructors for the judging.

### Lung Association Sponsors Support Group For Asthma

The American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts is sponsoring a support group for parents of children with asthma. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at Mercy Hospital in the Memorial House Auditorium.

A film, *A Regular Kid*, will be shown and an open discussion will follow. The co-leaders of the group are parents of children with asthma. The meeting is open to the public and free of charge. To register, please call the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts, 737-3506.

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## Donations Sought For Mrs. Claus' Kitchen

Mrs. Santa Claus, whose country kitchen is set up annually at the Mall at Center Square in Downtown Springfield, is once again asking her visitors to donate canned goods to fill her cupboards.

The canned goods will be distributed to the needy for the holidays by the Open Pantry.

Coordinated by Center Square, the Downtown Ministry, and Open Pantry, the canned goods collection began in 1984 with an initial donation from L'Amitie. Thousands of donations from school children and the general public were successful in filling Mrs. Claus' specially built pantry three times during the holiday season.

This year, on the Friday following the Giant Balloon Parade, the country kitchen where Mrs. Claus meets with children opened once again, and Mrs. Claus began her annual tradition of passing out chocolate chip cookies.

On Tuesday, December 3rd, her canned goods collection was officially kicked off with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Center Square by Downtown Ministry, Center Square, and Open Pantry officials.

Mrs. Claus' Kitchen is a traditional part of Downtown's Annual Christmas Trail. The trail includes a train ride on Baystate West's mezzanine level, a visit with Santa Claus in Center Court of Baystate West, a trip to the Talking Christmas Tree on Steiger's third floor, and a visit with Mrs. Claus.

Mrs. Claus is being assisted this year by "elves" from the Exit 7 Players, a local theater group.

## 2nd Lieutenant Abbott Stationed In South Carolina

Air Force Second Lieutenant Kathryn E. Abbott, daughter of Gerald T. & Judith K. Potter of 32 Oak Lane, Feeding Hills, has arrived for duty with the 437th Military Airlift Wing, Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina.

Mrs. Abbott, a plans and programs officer, is a 1985 graduate of Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont.

Her husband, Air Force Second Lieutenant Frederick H. Abbott, is the son of Frederick H. & Shirley E. Abbott of East Princeton, Massachusetts.

## Agawam UNICO To Hold Annual Christmas Party

The Agawam UNICO club will hold its Annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 11th, at the Springfield Turnverein, Garden Street, Feeding Hills.

The cocktail and social hour will be held from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Dinner will immediately follow.

Chairmen for the annual bash are Frank Chriscola, Al Malone, and Charles Calabrese.

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## St. John's Guild Holds Annual Sweater Sale



**YOUNG DOREEN SHEA** finds a sweater that she likes at a recent sale held at the St. John' Parish Center, sponsored by the St. John's Guild. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**WHAT A SELECTION:** Barbara, Tiffany, and Tina Schwein can't make-up their minds about which sweaters to purchase at the sale sponsored by the St. John's Guild at the St. John's Parish Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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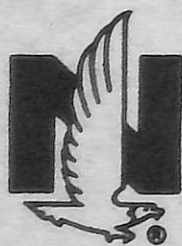
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## Agawam Garden Club Holds Annual Banquet



**AGAWAM GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS AND OFFICERS** held their Annual Banquet at the Captain Charles Leonard House last month. From left - Barbara Farrington, treasurer; Helen C. Bates, guest speaker for the banquet; Judith Clini, president; and Frances Warga, secretary. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**AGAWAM GARDEN CLUB MEMBERS** prepare to feast at their Annual Banquet. From left - Alice Moore, Dorothy Brown, Kathy Norris, and Vivian Purdy. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Local Realty Board Offers Helpful Tips For Buying Home

Buying a home, particularly your first home, is probably the biggest single investment most of us will ever make. Because of the long-term financial commitments, such an investment requires a variety of informed decisions.

For good advice from someone who knows their business, the Greater Springfield Board of Realtors suggests you contact a real estate broker or agent who is a realtor.

When buying a home, a realtor's knowledge and skill can:

**\*Help you determine how much house** you can actually afford. Often, a realtor can suggest additional ways to get the downpayment and explain alternative financing methods. First-time buyers often start out in a smaller home or condominium in order to build up enough equity to move up to a larger home.

**\*Help you work out a realistic idea** of which home is best suited to your needs — size, style, features, location, shopping accessibility to schools, work, and transportation, etc.

**\*Provide access to an inventory of homes** in the market; evaluate them in terms of your needs and affordability; save you time and frustration.

**\*Supply information on real estate values**, taxes, utility costs, municipal services, and facilities that might affect your decision to buy.

**\*Help familiarize** you with the closing process by explaining it all in advance.

In short, a realtor provides you with indispensable information and help as a natural outgrowth of his or her representation of the seller. There is no cost to seek the service of a realtor when buying a home because their commission is paid at the time of the closing by the seller they represent.

Not all real estate brokers and agents are realtors. When you ask for a Pepsi-Cola brand soft drink, you won't get a Coke. Similarly, when you ask for a realtor, you should know that you're getting more than a real estate licensee.

Realtors are real estate professionals who belong to the National Association of Realtors and subscribe to its strict code of ethics, the motto being: "Whatsoever you would that another do unto you, do ye also unto him."

The motto of the realtor's code of ethics, better known as the "Golden Rule," is not just a pretty thought but rather a guideline that should be applied in each instance where we are involved in service to another.

A realtor's code of ethics and standards of practice are important documents that each realtor should study carefully and put in practice. A realtor is a member of the largest trade association in the United States.

When buying or selling a home, the Springfield board suggests you interview several realtors in your area and then explore the housing market with the one with whom you are most comfortable.

## Brage-Ilduna Celebrates St. Lucia Day

On St. Lucia Day, December 13th, Brage-Ilduna Lodge No. 9, Vasa Order of America, a Swedish Fraternal Organization, will hold its traditional Lucia and Christmas Party in Bethesda Lutheran Church, 455 Island Pond Road, Springfield.

The festivities will begin at 7:30 p.m., in the sanctuary of the church with a Lucia procession and the singing of traditional Swedish Christmas music by the Skandia Women Singers and Orpheus Draengar (men's chorus).

The program will continue in the church hall where refreshments will be served and "Jultomtem" (the Swedish Santa Claus) will visit with the children. There will also be "ring-dancing" around the Christmas tree and dancing to the music of Ed Hendela. Vasa members and visitors are encouraged to wear national costumes.

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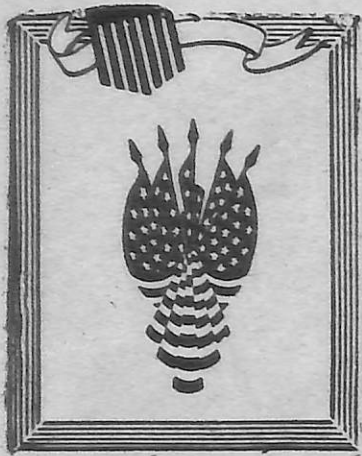
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## in old Agawam

**PUBLISHER'S NOTE:** Local historians Marilyn and Dick Curry, in Part I of a series, about the "Ole Willie Tree" on the former Flower/Fisk House property in Feeding Hills, detail their surprise that was in store for them when they explored the property last summer.

### In The Shade Of The "Ole Willer Tree"

Well folks, the heat of summer is past, the crisp, colorful fall is gone and winter, with its own particular flavor, is not too far in the distance!

Without a doubt, most of us have been singing those "rake the leaves" blues for the past couple of weeks and the last item on the agenda would be concern for the welfare of a giant willow tree that must have caused a weary back or two during its 80 or more years of existence.

Yet, the tree to which we refer is quite important to the folks of Agawam and Feeding Hills, since it is located in our own backyard!

Now, some folks abide by that old saying "Good things take a long time in coming!", or in words to that effect. However, we do subscribe to at least some evidence of truth in this matter.

Most of our readers will recall a series of summer articles we wrote concerning the old Flower/Fisk House located on Hampden County property just off South Westfield Street, adjacent to the newly-established Police Training School.

Just in case you are not familiar with sad stories, we

feel it somewhat appropriate to bring folks up-to-date. Accordingly, this past summer we received a telephone call from the County Commissioner's office asking us to advise them about the old Flower/Fisk House that was being considered for demolition since it proposed a possible hazard to the public.

On this basis, we proceeded to research any possible information relative to the old house. What we originally supposed might take a matter of hours turned into weeks and months of concentrated effort, especially on the part of my Mr. Curry.

To make a long story short, it is suffice to say that the County Commissioners were most exemplary in their desire to save the old house rather than witness the demolition of another of the town's landmarks.

Unfortunately, following hours of personal guided tours of the property in question to perspective buyers, it seems an almost certainty that things just don't work out in so far as saving the house via relocation.

In spite of the generous conditions for purchase made by the County Commissioners, all efforts seemed to be in vain for many reasons.

#### Can't See The Trees For The Forest

During the various historical surveys which we did for state, Lower Pioneer Regional Planning Commission, and the local Agawam Historical Association, we had made several visits to the Flower/Fisk House to assess its obvious post colonial vintage. Of course, we paid little heed to the surrounding environment that had long since gone the route of "nature's taking her course."

For a number of years, the old house had been vacated. As one would naturally expect, the property was quickly inundated with rapid growing vegetation, including weeds, brush and young saplings of diversified species.

Perchance, there is something to be said for the old adage "better late than never" since the first discernible investigation of the house following the initial call from the County Commissioners proved to be most enlightening.

We were escorting members of the Springfield Newspapers about the property one sunny morning when I noticed a large shade tree otherwise unnoticed due to the heavy overgrowth of vegetation. For that one special moment, we paused and suddenly became aware of the fact that this majestic old tree had certain obvious characteristics that immediately set it apart from neighboring trees. The tremendous spreading limbs of the tree called to mind the first line of Longfellow's famous poem: "Under the Spreading Chestnut Tree."

Closer scrutinization led us to further realize the magnanimity of the tree's other unusual qualities, including its towering stature, the massive trunk that pro-

vided the very means of sustaining the many limbs that seemed to spread-eagle some four to five feet above the base, and the beautiful umbrella effect of the hanging branches.

It didn't take us long to call to mind a recent article we had read in the May 1985 edition of Yankee magazine entitled "A Homegrown National Champion." The story by Edie Clark focused on a giant Northern red oak tree that sets the boundary between Conway and Buckland, Massachusetts.

As the story unfolded, the tree was finally noted as being in contention with another such champion tree located in the state of Michigan. The fact is that story disclosed information that trees meeting certain qualifications are recognized on a national level as being true memorials to our nation's history. When proven as such, the trees are worthy of preservation!

To date, according to information at our disposal, Massachusetts makes claim to at least three such trees of distinction, second only to the state of Maine that holds the record of four champion trees.

Without further hesitation, we decided that once the Flower/Fisk House question was settled, we would commence upon further inquiry as to the preservation of this obvious arboreal giant.

Although our acknowledgement of the tree's possible worth was made in the company of a local reporter, who did make mention of the tree in her article concerning the house, we decided to contact the State Forestry Department at the University of Massachusetts in the hope that no time would be lost in an attempt to qualify the local tree as worthy of preservation (be it a champion or a local significance).

Unfortunately, upon contacting the office of Francis W. Holmes, director of the Shade Tree Laboratories, we learned that this gentleman was in Europe for the remainder of the summer and he would contact us upon his return in September.

Somewhat disappointed at the delay, we decided to return to the scene and armed with tape and necessary attire, we would take as many meaningful measurements that might substantiate possible qualification for the preservation of said tree.

MARILYN & DICK CURRY'S popular column is a regular feature of the Advertiser News. They welcome your comments and suggestions on their column. Call them if you have a piece of Agawam's history you believe would be interesting to townsfolk.

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## Cascio Give Precious Ornament To House

A long-time resident and active civic leader in Agawam, Thomas E. Cascio, presented the trustees of the Captain Charles Leonard House with the original brass doorbell used by stage coach travelers to announce their arrival at the Leonard House in years gone by.

Cascio discovered the bell near the front steps of the House in May of 1939. At that time, he was given a contract by the property owner, Mrs. Minerva Davis, to grade the premises prior to the seeding of the lawn and planting of shrubbery. The bell was buried about 12 inches below the surface of the ground, together with hand wrought iron parts that caused the bell to ring inside the house.

The iron parts were heavily rusted, requiring much careful cleaning to reveal small pieces of original wire fastened to the hand wrought brackets that were part of the bell mechanism.

Cascio preserved the bell, having it mounted on an attractive mahogany plaque with an engraved brass plate naming the Leonard House and giving the date the bell was discovered.

He surmised that the contractor hired to install electric wiring in the Leonard House about 20 years before Mrs. Davis purchased the property, had removed the antique brass bell to replace it with an electric doorbell.

Cascio had no idea how the bell and its associated parts were deposited and covered by earth in front of the House. However, he felt that it should be displayed and preserved by the trustees for the benefit of future generations.

In 1805, the Captain Charles Leonard House was constructed at its present location on 663 Main Street. In 1975, it was admitted to the National Register of Historic Places.

Originally used as a stage coach tavern, it was the first overnight stop on the road from Hartford to points north. It was here that the weary traveler was housed and the horses rested before he continued on his journey.

Over the years, the Leonard House changed ownership many times until it was finally purchased by Mrs. Davis, a prominent, civic-minded resident of Agawam. She had the House restored to its present state in 1938 and established it as a community house for Agawam in 1939.

The Board of Trustees conducts benefit tag sales and a Friends Program to provide additional income to keep the House and its furnishings in good repair.

Agawam residents are encouraged to use the Captain Leonard House which is available for meetings, weddings, showers, and other social gatherings.

Reservations and other information may be secured by calling 786-9421.



**LOCAL RESIDENT THOMAS CASCIO (center) present Board of Trustees Chairman Richard Brindle of the Captain Charles Leonard House with the original brass doorbell used by stage coach travelers to announce their arrival at the Leonard House nearly 200 years ago. Trustee members looking on are, from left - Shirley Goss, Elizabeth Pond, Esther Reynolds, and Dorothy Martin.**

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Noble Hospital Has Free Health Screenings

A series of free health screenings will be held December 10th to 14th in Noble Hospital's Department of Education, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Numbness in the fingers and toes will be the subject of the first screening, which will be conducted by Doctors Arthur King and Joshua Kalter, specialists in internal medicine.

On December 11th, chief dietician Florence Gorman will address concerns about cardiac diets.

A colorectal cancer screening will be held on December 12th. Joseph Barako, R.N., director of

education at Noble Hospital, will distribute home test materials and provide instructions on their use.

Dr. Michael Eder, a general and vascular surgeon, will discuss vein ligation on December 13th.

A cataracts screening will be conducted on December 14th by ophthalmologist Dr. Louis Derosé.

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## Agawam Women's Club Hosts AFS Students



**THE AGAWAM WOMEN'S CLUB** hosted American Field Service students **Erica Velasco** (Mexico) and **Allan McFall** (New Zealand) at its Monday, November 25th meeting. Women's Club members in the photo are **Doris Maule** and **Mary Ferrari**. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**ALSO GUESTS OF THE AGAWAM WOMEN'S CLUB** were past presidents. Back row, from left - **Phyllis Cathepaugh**, **Jessie Fuller**, **Margaret Tate**, **Linda Hayes**, and **Bernice Nowill**. Front row - **Louise Wallace**, **Karen Douglass**, **Dorothy Schwendenmona** (district director), **Natalie George**, and **Jeanne Webster**. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Renee M. Dumond Marries Daniel B. Harlow of Virginia

Renee Marie Dumond, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Dumond Jr., of Woodbridge, Virginia, formerly of Feeding Hills, was married to Daniel Burke Harlow, son of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Harlow Sr., of Alexandria, Virginia, on August 31st, at St. Louis Church in Alexandria, Virginia.

Father Don Greenhough performed the double-ring ceremony and music was by Betty Corrigan.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a victorian beaded and pearl lace gown, with a three-tiered chapel train. Her headpiece was a cathedral length veil. She carried a cascade of flowers, ivy and ribbons.

Carole Dion of Raleigh, North Carolina, was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Joanne Ryan of Feeding Hills, and Regina Figura and Katie Whitney, both of Alexandria.

Attending Mr. Harlow as best man was Brian Malone of Springfield, Virginia. Ushers were Phil Dumond of Woodbridge, and Charles Harlow, Tim Harlow, Tom Harlow and Frank Harlow, all of Alexandria, Virginia.

The bride is a graduate of Larkin High School, Elgin, Illinois, and is employed by Epic Mortgage Company.

The groom is a graduate of Bishop Ireton High School, Alexandria, and is employed by Basics of Woodbridge.

A reception took place at the Springfield Hilton Hotel in Virginia.

The couple went on a wedding trip to Bermuda. They are living in Alexandria.

Mrs. Harlow is the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Dumond Sr., former owners of Dumond's Glass Company, Feeding Hills, and Mr. & Mrs. Adrien Gamache of Springfield, Massachusetts.

## La Leche League To Meet Dec. 9th In Feeding Hills

Mothers who wish to breastfeed their babies will find encouragement and information at the Agawam-West Springfield La Leche League. The next meeting is Monday, December 9th, at 8:00 p.m., at 378 North Street, Feeding Hills. Nursing babies are welcome.

The league offers mother-to-mother help in a series of four monthly meetings based on the manual *The Womanly Art of Breastfeeding*.

The meeting discussions include the latest medical research, as well as personal experience. Other services include a lending library of books on childbirth, child care, and breastfeeding.

For further information call Sue, 732-9256, or Jeanne, 739-7923.

For copies of photos in this edition, please call Jack Devine at his home, 789-0053



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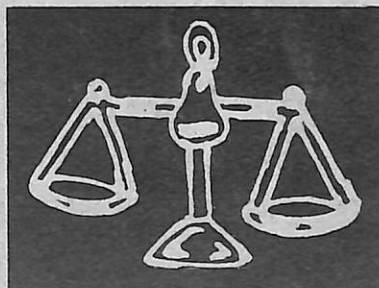
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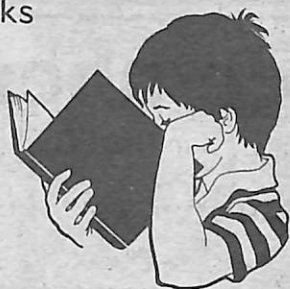
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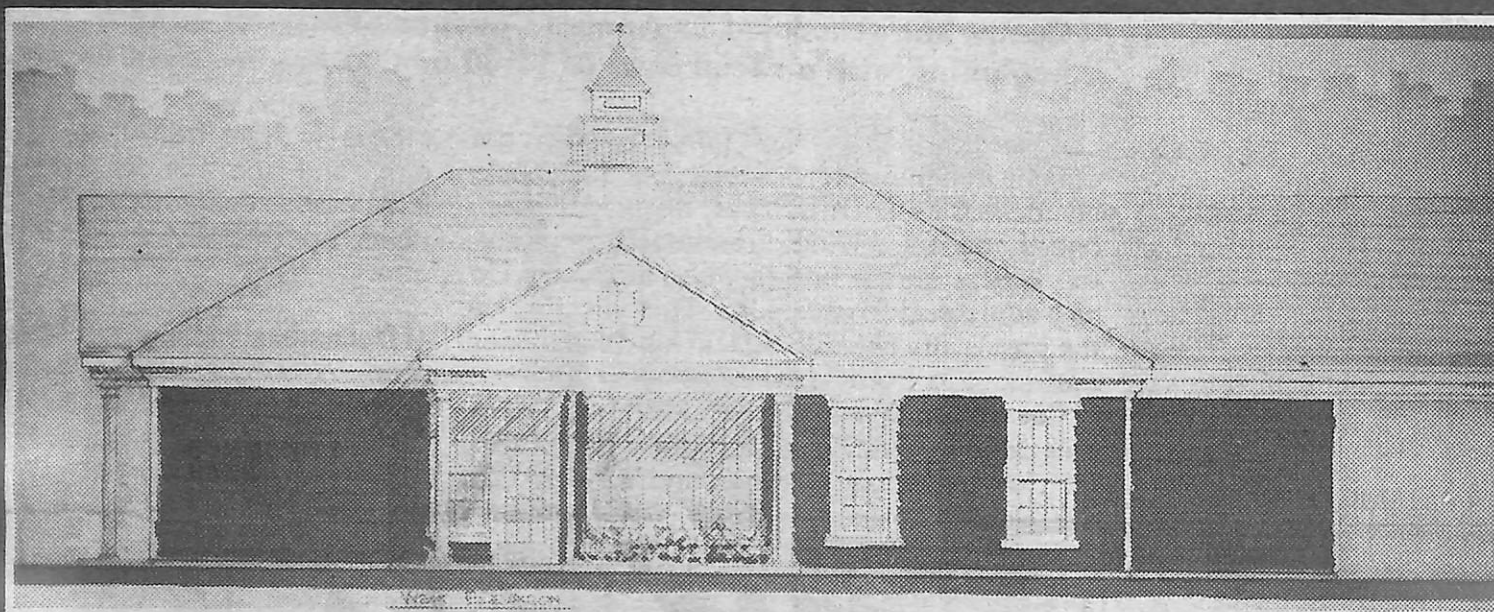
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## Senior Center News

### CORRECTION

**Senior Center Christmas Party Postponed To December 22nd.** There are no other changes except the date. Social Hour is from 11:00 a.m. to noon. A sit-down dinner will be served at noon. There will be entertainment and music for dancing, all for \$9 per person. You may bring a present for Santa's Grab Bag - a general \$2.50 gift. The party is for Agawam seniors, their families, and their guests.

Also, the raffle drawings will be held for the Cabbage Patch Kid, the ceramic Santa, and the "Feather Christmas Tree." Get your tickets soon. Don't be left out.

**Candy Sale.** The large chocolate Santas are available at the center ticket booth. They make a great gift for one of those parties so many folks are going to this month.

**Wednesday, December 18th - 9:00 a.m. to ??.** Senior Center Mini Bazaar for last minute Christmas gifts, or perhaps a gift for yourself. A good selection of handknit articles, hand-crafter decorations, and other items will be offered. Come early for best choice.



**SENIOR CITIZENS PEG BELLANO and Lillian Ruell sell candy at Agawam Ames as part of a recent fundraiser.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

**Ginny Hennesey, Senior Center Community Aide** is available for help and/or consultation by Agawam seniors regarding insurance questions, personal problems, or questions concerning services available.

Ginny is in the office between 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. every weekday **except Tuesday.**

On Tuesday, her hours are 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Give her a call at 786-0400, extension 242, and make an appointment so as to eliminate your having to wait. Ginny is available for emergency assistance also.

**The Senior Center** now has a trained volunteer for counseling service to widows and widowers who may wish assistance in coping with the problems and adjustments of a recent bereavement. If you are in this situation, or know of someone who is, please call 786-0400, extension 242, and our volunteer counselor will visit you.

**Winter Driving Alert** from Elder Affairs Secretary Richard H. Rowland for Massachusetts seniors. His advice includes the plea to avoid driving during inclement weather at all costs. Stay indoors when the weather conditions are not favorable.



**SENIOR CITIZENS KAY ALDRICH AND GERMAINE FONTAINE** were located at Smith's Drug Store to sell chocolate Santa Claus candies. The Senior Center has scheduled its Annual Christmas Party for Sunday, December 22nd, beginning with a social hour at 11:00 a.m. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Other tips include "don't rush if you do get caught in a snowstorm; have your car checked for basics such as tires, antifreeze, etc.; and if you are driving a rear-wheel drive car, tap lightly on the brakes when stopping. Do not apply sudden pressure. This will reduce the possibility of skidding." (This advice does not apply to front-wheel drive cars.)

**Coachlight Dinner Theatre Matinee, Thursday, January 9th.** There are still a few places left for the show *Chicago* and dinner. Bus

pickup will be from Country View at 10:30 a.m., and from the center at 11:00 a.m. Cost is \$19 and reservations may be made at the ticket booth daily, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**December 19th:** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., next Commodity Distribution at the Senior Center for yellow card holders. Holders of white cards will pick up their commodities at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.

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## Senior Citizens Revel In Theatre

by Laura B. Dugan  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

The drama group at the Agawam Senior Center received its start early in 1985 as one of the "Educational Parameters Courses for the Elderly" sponsored by the Agawam Council on Aging.

The premier performance of "Medieval Times and Dines" was presented before a full house on Sunday evening, November 24th, at the center. Written by Judes Ziemba, president of Educational Parameters, with COA Chairwoman Vera Conway collaborating as music director, the show revolves around a royal wedding in Medieval Europe. "Medieval Times and Dines," with some 20th century touches, was well-received by the audience.

All cast members were seniors with the exception of the two handsome, young guards resplendent in their medieval costumes. The many weeks of Tuesday afternoon rehearsals and several Sunday afternoon rehearsals developed a good feeling of camaraderie among the players, said Mrs. Ziemba.

"The problems that arose in casting were overcome by the willingness of folks to play more than one part," she said. Costuming problems were handled in different ways. Those handy with the needle worked overtime; actors came up with costumes or parts of costumes either for themselves or for someone else; and borrowed gowns were exchanged as needed.

"It was a scramble and it was fun," Mrs. Ziemba said. Props came from surprising sources and through it all, Mrs. Ziemba and Mrs. Conway, aided by Activities Director Sandra Smith and her activities committee, were able to bring to the stage "Medieval Times and Dines." The Senior Center is not the ideal place to stage a show but that only added to the drama group's challenge.

The cast included readers who set the initial theme for the play, Laura Dugan and Rose Mezzetti. Actors: Stan Syniec, Ted Therrien, Grace Letendre, Bob Bernier, Jim Griffin, Angie Bachelder, Lillian Doyle, Gladys Francazio, Gladys Belcher, Marion Mills, Louise Vogt, Laura Dugan, Rose Mezzetti, Flory Scorzafava, Wanda Walz, Mary Truschelli, Olive Scorzafava, and Lee Petty.

Guards: Aime Remillard and Rudy Porth. When the queen, Ursula O'Neill, was hospitalized in late October, in true show tradition, Rose Mezzetti graciously took over that part as well as Ursula's other part as a reader. Eunice Johnson also became ill and her part as a nun was taken by Gladys Francazio.

Behind the scenes VIPs: Fred Prouty, John Biernes, Rudy Porth, Karen Kress, Artie & Vicki Martin, Richard Munda, Peggy Bellano, Burl Kress, and Helen Blanchard, and from Agawam High School — David Kerry, Joe Beavis, and Sean Cibrowski.

Make-Up: Eleanor Esemplio and Mariette Aunin from Lady Finelle; Video: Judy Schwartz; Pictures: Sandra Smith, Artie & Vicki Martin; Illustrations: Ted Therrien; Invitations and Souvenir Books: Acorn Printing.

Ushers: Marion Binnenkade, Kay Aldrich, Odette Benjamin, Helen Blanchard, Lillian Ruell, and Joyce Porth.

Special thanks go to Agawam senior citizens and to the Senior Center; to the Agawam Advertiser News; and for Lighting and Sound, Agawam High School and Valley Sound. TV Channel 40 also had TV coverage on the late news.

Agawam Lions Club members Frank Chriscola, Tom Jella, Art Fuchs, Harry Camyre, Lyman Simpson, Ray Favreau, Tom Dacey, Adolphus Provost, and Ray Olson provided the banquet which followed the wedding.

Agawam Lioness Club members were the "Wenches" who served the guests. Bread, cheese, grapes, chicken, potatoes and butter were served and eaten medieval style — no forks. Coffee, tea, and cookies completed the banquet. The Wenches were Diane Simpson, Esther Straszko, Gloria Kerr, Ann Favreau, Norma Provost, Miriam Taupier, Pat Roy, Alice Olson, Cathy O'Keefe, and Terry Angotti.

Special thanks to the Lions and Lionesses.

## St. Anthony's Church Plans Annual Christmas Party

St. Anthony's Church of Padua, Agawam, will have its 10th Annual Christmas Party for senior citizens 70 and over, Sunday, December 8th, in the church hall.

The party will start at 4:30 p.m. for seniors to socialize. Dinner will follow. Father Joseph Fellin, C.S.S., pastor, reminds that parishoners are welcome to drop in for a visit anytime during the celebration.

A home-cooked dinner with all the fixings will be put on by church chefs Dorothy Pilegi and Frank Gatti and their helpers. Entertainment is a surprise. You must attend to find out.

Any parishoner 70 and over, if you did not get an invitation, please call the church rectory, 786-3724.

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## Heart-Saving Recipe From Heart Assn.

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Freshly ground black pepper

1/2 teaspoon thyme

2 tablespoons parmesan cheese

2 tablespoons sunflower seeds

Heat oil in a dutch oven and saute onion, mushrooms and garlic until tender.

In a small bowl, mix egg, flour and cottage cheese. Add to sauteed vegetables along with spinach. Stir rice, pepper, thyme, and one tablespoon of parmesan cheese.

Turn into a greased 12x8-inch baking dish and top with remaining parmesan cheese and sunflower seeds. Bake at 375 degrees F for at least 30 minutes.

Yield: 8 servings. Approximate Cal/Serv.: 210.

Recipe Tip: For vegetarian meals, the problem is not getting enough protein, but how to choose combinations of food which contain essential amino acids that must be present at the same time to make new protein.

For example, wheat and beans supplement each other if eaten together, as do peanuts and sunflower seeds, and rice and beans.

For copies of photos in this edition, please call Jack Devine at his home, 789-0053. If Jack is out, please leave a message on his machine and he will return your call promptly

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**UNICO PAST PRESIDENT PAUL FERRARINI** leads procession into St. Anthony's Church to begin the Memorial Mass for deceased Agawam UNICO members on Friday, November 29th.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## UNICO Mass Gets Big Turnout To Honor Deceased

Agawam UNICO's Third Annual Memorial Mass was held Friday, November 29th, at St. Anthony's Church for departed members. It was well-attended.

Over 100 relatives and friends came to pay their respects for 17 departed members.

Reverend Camillo Santini C.S.S., Chapter Chaplain, was the celebrant and homilist.

Altar assistants were Paul V. Ferrarini Sr., Memorial Mass chairman, and chapter president Thomas Coppola.

Agawam Unico Chapter was honored with two national dignitaries — Joseph Andreis, Unico national president; and John Odierna, Massachusetts District I national governor. Both were gift bearers.

On the altar were 17 colored vigil lights. The highlight of the Mass was the roll call of each departed member. The wife or relative or friend lit a candle while a chime tolled in the background.

After Mass, a social was enjoyed in the church hall.



**BRINGING BREAD AND WINE TO the altar at St. Anthony's of Padua Church during the Memorial Mass for deceased UNICO members are John Odierna, Massachusetts District I governor and UNICO national President Joseph Andreis.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**UNICO PAST PRESIDENT PAUL FERRARINI** (left) and current President **Thomas Coppola** assist Father **Camillo Santini** at the Memorial Mass for deceased members of Agawam UNICO at St. Anthony's of Padua Church in North Agawam on Friday, November 29th. 17 deceased members of UNICO were remembered by those in attendance, including family and friends. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## St. John's Forming New Dance Aerobic Class

A new dance-aerobic class for girls three and up will get underway at St. John's Church (Parish Center) very soon.

The classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday starting at 6:30 p.m.

For further information, call Grace Benton, 786-6636.

## Holy Rosary Society Of St A's Has December 9th Xmas Party

The Holy Rosary Society of St. Anthony of Padua Church, North Agawam, will hold its Annual Christmas Party on Monday, December 9th, at Da Vinci's Restaurant, 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

A social hour will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., with dinner at 7:30 p.m. Members may bring a guest.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Saturday, December 7th**  
Holiday Bazaar  
St. John's Parish Center  
All Day

**Wednesday, December 11th**  
Annual Christmas Party  
Agawam UNICO Club  
Da Vinci's Restaurant  
7:00 P.M.

**Monday, December 9th**  
Drug Awareness Program  
For AHS Winter Athletes  
School Cafeteria - 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, December 13th**  
Agawam Hi-Lighters Square Dance  
Valley Community Church  
8:00 P.M.

**Tuesday, December 10th**  
Annual Christmas Breakfast  
Agawam Chamber of Commerce  
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### FIRE-WISE

by **Rusty Jenks**  
Agawam Fire Chief

#### Fire Safety For Senior Citizens

What two things do the young and old have in common? Frequent burns and fires. Senior citizens represent part of the largest population segment involved in fire deaths and injuries annually. Due to age some seniors experience losses in abilities to see, hear or respond quickly. But they still have their common sense and that, coupled with a knowledge of fire prevention, can help save lives. The Agawam Fire Department advises seniors to exercise care around heat sources and follow these safety rules:

- Keep large, deep ashtrays handy for smokers. Smoking is a major cause of fire deaths, especially among the elderly.
- Check smoking areas and furniture for hot cigarettes and ashes.
- Do not empty ashtrays until the contents are old. Try wetting them to make sure.
- Never smoke in bed or while reclining on any upholstered furniture.
- Keep robes, housecoats and other loose-fitting garments out of the kitchen while cooking. Clothing fires are the most frequent for seniors and many of them are due to careless smoking.
- If your clothes do catch fire, don't run. Drop to the ground or floor and roll on the fire to put it out. Roll in a rug or coat to help smother the fire.
- Don't keep items on the shelf or in the cabinet over the stove. Each time you reach for one, you take a risk of getting burned.
- Arrange for good lighting, especially in the kitchen. Mark hard-to-reach controls in bright colors or large letters...ON/OFF.
- Turn pot handles inward while cooking and keep pot holders handy. Shield yourself from steam when uncovering food. (Scald injuries are common in seniors.)
- If a grease fire starts, slide the lid or a bigger pan on the fire. DO NOT put water on a grease fire. It makes it bigger. DO NOT carry the pan. You might spill the burning grease on you. Call the fire department and get out immediately. Don't wait to collect valuables. They are not worth your life!
- Don't let grease collect in your broiler, stove, oven or exhaust fan duct.
- Keep portable heaters away from beds, furniture and drapes.
- Have heating systems cleaned and checked yearly.
- Clean out storage areas. Old papers, magazines and oily rags are fuel for a fire.
- Choose a multi-purpose ABC fire extinguisher. Know when and how to use it.
- Install smoke detectors and check them once a month. Change the batteries yearly.

## Southwick Cong. Church Schedules Holly Bazaar

Southwick: The Ladies Benevolent Society at Southwick Congregational Church will be holding its Annual Christmas Holly Bazaar on Saturday, December 7th, at the church hall. Hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The bazaar will feature homemade food and candy, Christmas decorations and wreaths, handmade gift items, plants, stuffed animals, and dolls. The "Holly Inn" will be serving a lunch of sandwiches, soup, and homemade pies.

## Warehouse Point Museum Offers Christmas Tours

Windsor: The Warehouse Point Trolley Museum Winterfest will consist of a ride through one and one-half miles of Christmas lights in heated closed trolleys, or on Santa's open air electric sleigh, December 6th through January 1st, except December 24th and 25th, from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Admission will be \$3.50 for adults, \$1.75 for children, and free for children under five.

For information, call (203) 623-7417. Follow the signs from I-91. Route 140, East Windsor, Connecticut.

## Holy Name Society To Hold Christmas Party

The Holy Name Society of St. Anthony's Church of Padua, North Agawam, will have its Annual Christmas Party, Tuesday, December 10th, at DaVinci's Restaurant, 60 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills.

A social hour and cocktails will be from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m., with dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Members voted to have their own individual choice of meal at their own expense.

Former HNS members are invited and present members are asked to bring a prospective candidate.

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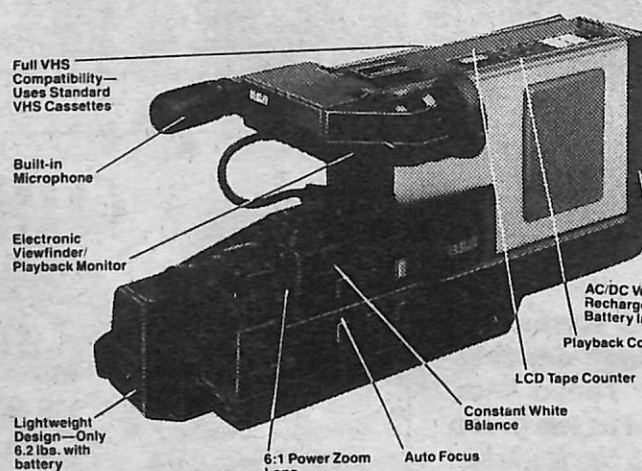
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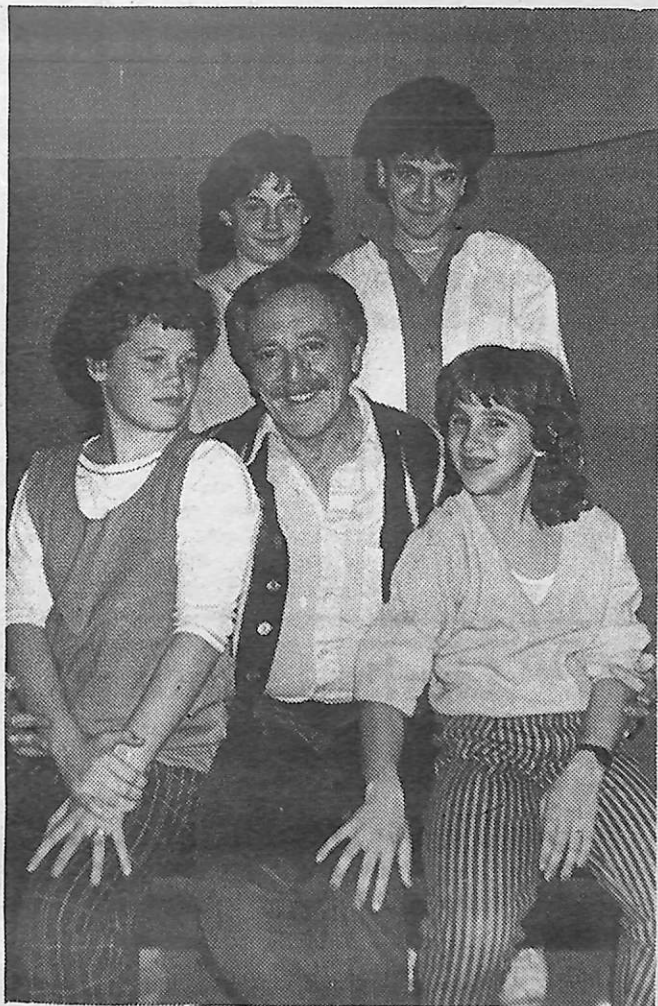




# Arts



**SHEILA (LISA BALBONI) and Kathy (Laura Balboni) Donegan tease younger sister Peggy (Elizabeth Marzano-seated) in a scene from "Uncle Willie." All the girls are from Agawam.**



**SAL MARZANO of Agawam is surrounded by family members, including daughter Elizabeth and granddaughters Tanya Marzano and Laura and Lisa Balboni as the group participates in the production of *Uncle Willie*.**



**POLICE OFFICER CHARLIE DONEGAN (Jeff Whitney from Agawam) accosts Uncle Willie (Harold Clayton) in a scene from *Uncle Willie*, the latest production of the Encore Players, playing all weekend at the Emmanuel Church, 761 Sumner Avenue, Springfield.**

## Agawam Cast Strong For Encore Players

The Encore Players will present the holiday play *Uncle Willie*, December 5th, 6th, 7th, 13th and 14th at 8:00 p.m., at Emmanuel Church, 761 Sumner Avenue, Springfield. Tickets are \$4 for students and senior citizens, (\$5 otherwise), and are available at the door, or by calling 783-1616. Reservations are required for opening night, Thursday, December 5th, which is cabaret style.

Harold Clayton leads the cast as the conniving but good-hearted "Uncle Willie." Mary Treiber plays his niece, the indulged Esther, and Bob Laviolette is her patient husband, Leo.

Jeff Whitney and Cheryl Gardner, with the three children, Tanya Marzano, Laura and Lisa Balboni, make-up the lively Donegan family who become their tenants.

Bruce Harvey portrays the lovesick but bashful of-

ficer McNamara with Fredi Rubin as the self-centered Francey, and Helen Bernstein as her widowed mother. Sal Marzano rounds out the cast as the calculating businessman, Mr. Smith.

The play is directed by Jean Burns and produced by Ellen Rivers. Lynn Boucher is stage manager and Anny Kertanis is in charge of props. The set was designed and constructed under the direction of Denis Bessette. Costuming is done by Bob Laviolette and musical accompaniment is provided by Elizabeth Marzano and Maggie Sarno Hill.

*Uncle Willie*, which includes both Hanukkah and Christmas traditions, was written by Julie Berns and Irving Elman, and was first presented on Broadway in 1956. This is the fifth annual holiday play produced by Encore Players.

## Agawam Repertory Theatre To Hold Auditions

The Agawam Repertory Theatre will hold auditions for its spring production, Bernard Slade's heart-warming comedy *Tribute*, on Tuesday, December 17th, and Wednesday, December 18th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street. There are roles for three men and four women, ranging in age from 20 to mid-50's.

The play will be directed by Waldo Goodermote and will run for three weekneds in March. For further information, call 739-2111.

## Agawam Arts & Humanities To Present WSC Choral

The Agawam Arts and Humanities will present the Westfield State College Choral on Friday, December 6th, at the Agawam Congregational Church. The choral group is led by Dr. Theodore Davidovich. They will present a varied musical program, some in keeping with the holiday season.

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### Alps To Venice

Continuing my tour through Europe, day 10, from Lucerne, Switzerland, to Venice, Italy, was a magical journey, acknowledged as one of the world's most spectacular.

We snaked through the heart of the soaring Alps, boring right under an Alp via the 11-mile Gotthard Tunnel — the longest in Europe. The road conditions are such in the winter that the entire surface of the tunnel road is heated to prevent frost heaves, and there are auto schools to teach you how to drive on slippery surfaces.

The children who live in the houses nestled in the mountainside learn to ski as early as age three. Going to school is great fun as they just ski down the mountain. Going home is not so easy. They must walk back up the mountain carrying their skis — the trip sometimes taking one hour.

Today's bus ride was the longest of the trip. We departed Lucerne at 9:00 a.m. and arrived at 5:00 p.m. in Venice, the city of 120 canals and 400 bridges. I found it fascinating to call a cab and have a speedboat pull up in front of my hotel.

#### St. Mark's Square

The city tour took us to St. Mark's Square to view the 24 carat gold encrusted St. Mark's Basilica, the 300 foot high Bell Tower, and the Clock Tower, where statues of two moors ring the bell on the hour.

The bell has been ringing on the hour non-stop for the past five centuries. We also visited a glass factory and viewed an exhibition of glass blowing. I bought a set of Venetian glasses which should be arriving any day now — hopefully in good condition. They do guarantee replacement if glassware is broken in transit.

I can still feel the warmth of the sun shining on a beautiful fall day, as I sat at the outside cafe of the Grand Canal Restaurant and had my first sampling of "true" Italian pasta. Delicious!! I fed the pigeons in St. Mark's Square, sat in the square and listened to the string orchestra, and took a ride in a gondola. My gondolier pointed out residences where Mozart, Marco Polo, Robert Burns, Lord Byron, Cassanova, and Wagner once lived.

One landmark that was especially interesting to me was the "Bridge of Sighs." It's a covered concrete bridge that spans a canal and leads from the Ducal Palace to the prison. Prisoners were said to have "sighed" as they looked out the small window for their last glimpse of Venice before become incarcerated.

As I looked through the photographs from my trip, I suddenly realized that the picture I had taken of the "Bridge" was exactly the same as a painting I've had hanging in my dining room for the last 12 years. My painting has new meaning now as I look at it and conjure up memories of being there.

#### The Romance Of Venice

The spontaneous events that occur are sometimes the most fun and in this instance very romantic. One moonlit night I was standing on a bridge with a group of people from the tour, overlooking the canal. As a gondola approached the bridge, the lovers in the boat kissed and the group on the bridge broke into enthusiastic applause — which brought a slightly embarrassed smile to the faces of the occupants of the boat. Ah — the romance of Venice!

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### Children's Author Jane Yolen-To Appear At Agawam Big Y

Christmas is a special time for children and their books. To help remind parents of their children's love for books, Big Y Supermarkets will be hosting guest appearances from two local authors of children's books. Jane Yolen and Patricia MacLachlan are both award winning authors who are living right here in Western Massachusetts.

Ms. Yolen will appear in the book department at the Agawam Big Y Supermarket on Saturday, December 14th:

Jane Yolen, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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"Lydia" is a charming Victorian tale set in Springfield at the turn of the century. Entwined within its passages are clues to solving a puzzle contained in the book. A prize of \$1,000 will be awarded for the correct solution to the puzzle. If more than one correct answer is received, the winner will be determined by a drawing.

The book has been published by the Forest Park Civic Association as a fundraising project. Costs of the printing were underwritten by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery Council and by donations from local businesses and individuals.

Written by Stephen Hays, the former managing director of StageWest who now runs his own consulting firm, "Lydia" is a delightful story for children about a little girl who spends a day with her father at his bank. It will also be of interest to adults because of its many references to Springfield of another era and, of course, because of the puzzle.

But, no special knowledge of Springfield or its history is needed to solve the puzzle. All of the clues and the solution they point to are in the book.

## Santa's Letters Answered By Agawam Junior Women

Christmas will soon be here and it's time for the children to send their special wishes to Santa.

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The project has been two years in the making and was the brainchild of Sharon Gazda, a member of the board of directors of the civic association.

The book is also unique because it contains illustrations by six area artists. On the cover is a photograph by David Stansbury of a sculpture done by Anita Wesler. Stansbury, Wesler, and Hays are all residents of the Forest Park neighborhood, as is artist Dorothy Page.

Catchepaugh graduated from University of Massachusetts in 1984 with a bachelor's in studio art. His work has appeared in local publications such as "Scat," a former cartoonists' periodical; and "Oh no! Nohol!" a Northampton-based arts monthly.

Priced at \$5, "Lydia, the Banker's Daughter" is on sale at Blake's Department Store on Sumner Avenue, The Newstand Bookstore and Party Land, both on Dickinson Street; AAA on Fort Pleasant Street; the gift shops at the Museum of Fine Arts and the Science Museum on the Quadrangle; Johnson's Bookstore on Main Street; and A Likely Story at Columbus Center, all in Springfield; and at Gilbert's Book and Stationery Shop at Longmeadow Shops on Bliss Road, Longmeadow.

It is also available by mail for \$6 by writing the Forest Park Civic Association, P.O. Box 80447, Forest Park Station, Springfield, 01138.

Proceeds will be used for civic association projects such as the landscaping and beautification project at Forest Park Junior High School.

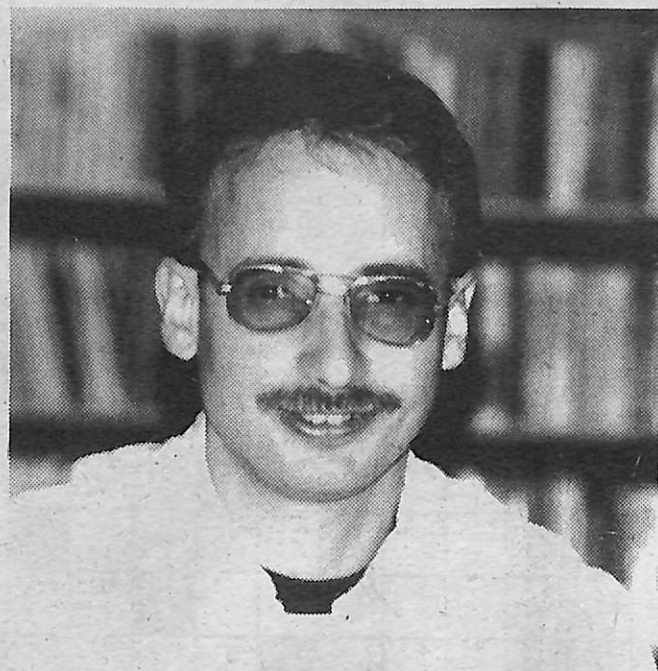
## James Clark PTO To Hold Christmas Bazaar

The James Clark PTO will hold its Annual Christmas Bazaar on Wednesday, December 11th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the gym.

The students will be given an opportunity to purchase a variety of Christmas gifts for their family. Many of the items are homemade and donated by parents of the students.

Santa & Mrs. Claus will be on hand to join in on the festivities. There will also be a candy-cane tree and cookies for the children.

If anyone is interested in helping out at the bazaar to sell, wrap, or bake, please notify Sue Andreoli, 789-2071.



**AGAWAM ARTIST LEIGH CATCHEPAUGH** helped design a softcover book now on sale for the holiday season, sponsored by the Forest Park civic association.

## Sacred Heart Church Schedules Annual Christmas Bazaar

The Sacred Heart Rosary Altar Society will hold its Annual Christmas Bazaar Friday, December 6th, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., and Saturday, December 7th, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

There will be a variety of booths, including a toy booth, hand-made crafts, a doll booth, and a white elephant booth, as well as homemade candy and baked goods.

There will also be a children's booth for youngsters to do their own Christmas shopping.

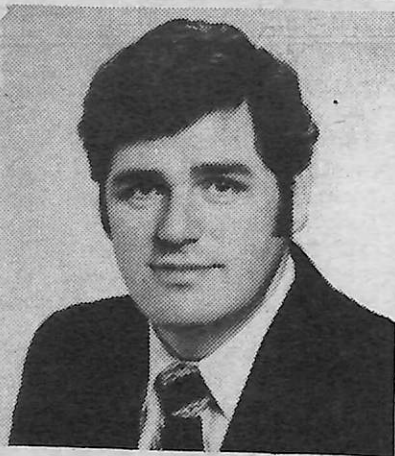
A beautiful quilt, made by some of the women in the society, will be raffled off. Refreshments will be available, both hot and cold, for a meal or a snack.

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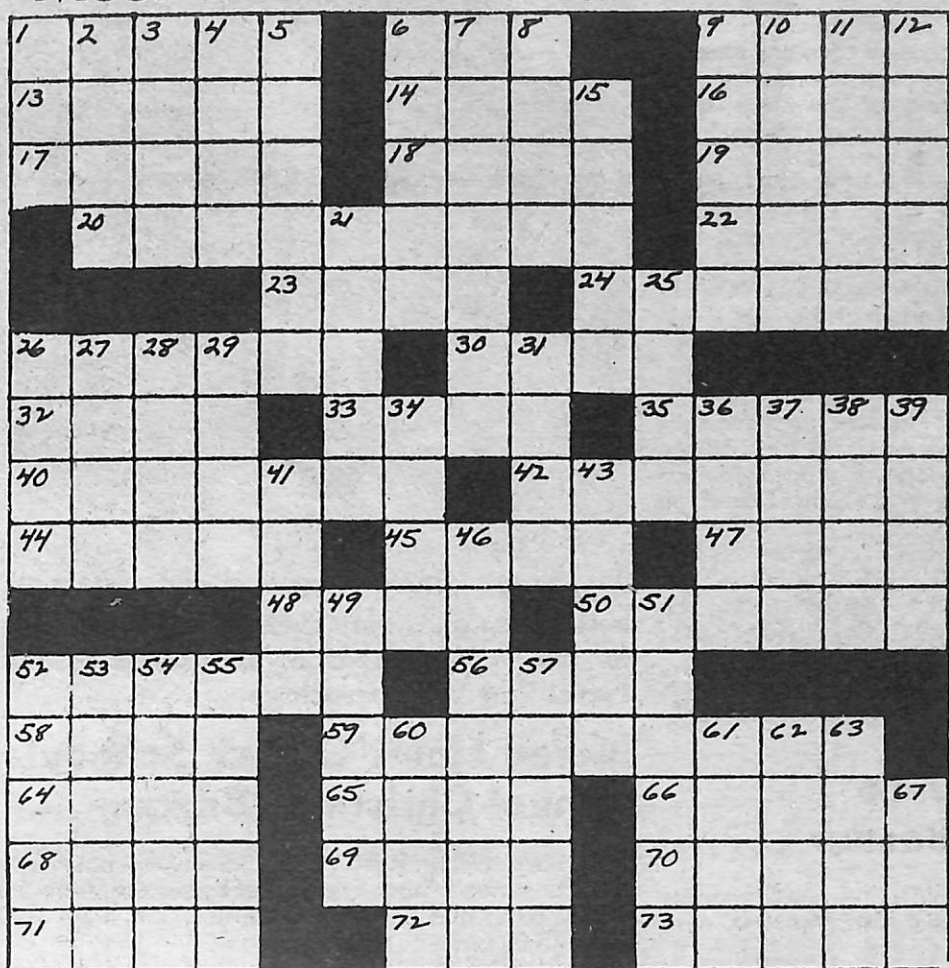


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# Meet The Master - by Dick Mastroianni



**CLUE:** This and that for this puzzle.

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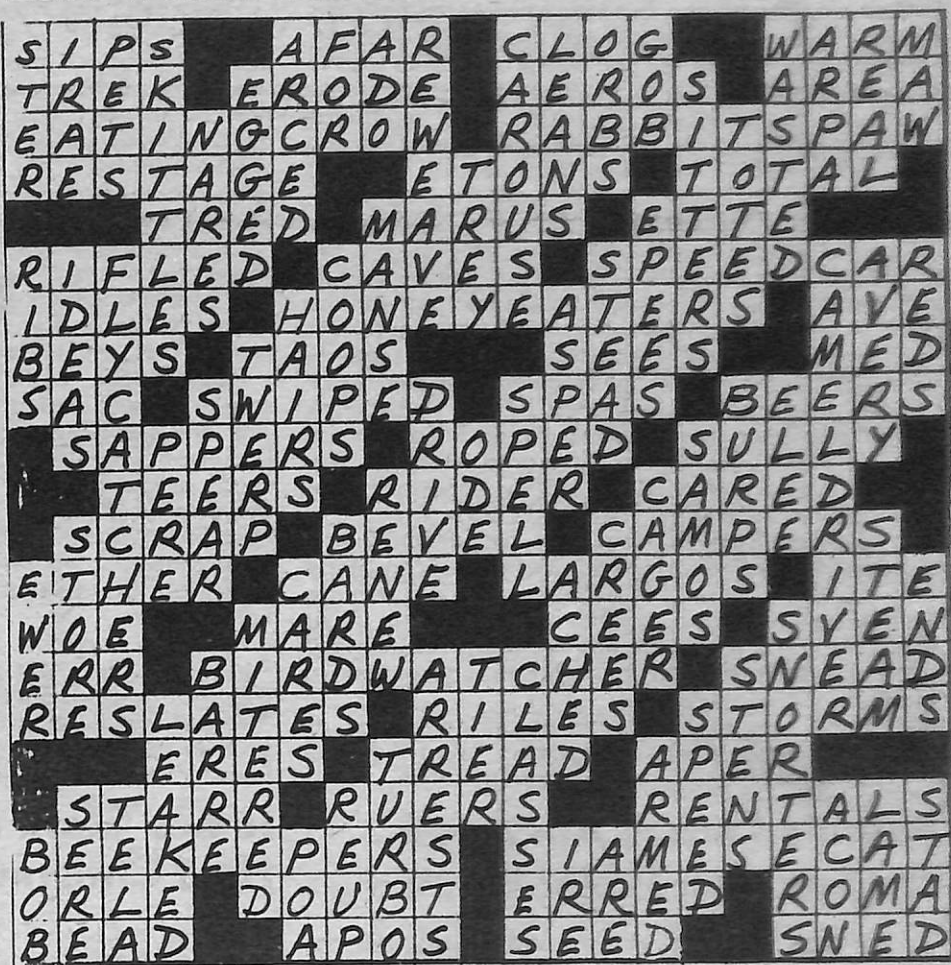
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20. Miller hit song title
22. Truckee city
23. Admonishment words
24. Political Earl
26. "On the Waterfront" actor
30. Scottish no's
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42. Nome native

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64. London gallery
65. Gnaw
66. Floor coverings
68. Ireland
69. Luge
70. Mid-East ruler
71. Japanese coins
72. Measurements
73. Mouthpieces
1. Prefix: shoulder
2. Face covering
3. Tapir
4. Rod's partner
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7. Painted desert state
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9. Brett or Brenda
10. Candle
11. Isolated
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27. Ms. Barrett
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37. Card game
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51. Kind of eggs
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55. Happy places
57. Rids
60. Uncious
61. " - marches on"
62. Robert -
63. Bulrush
67. Elders

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## Last Week's Solution...



## Springfield Symphony Orchestra To Hold Holiday Pops Concert

The Springfield Symphony Orchestra presents Springfield's annual Yuletide tradition, Holiday Pops, with guest conductor Robert Page, for two performances at Springfield's Symphony Hall on Saturday, December 7th, at 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, December 8th, at 4:00 p.m.

The 110-voice Springfield Symphony Chorus, under the direction of Henley Denmead, will join Maestro Page and the Pops for a program of traditional carols sung throughout the holiday season. Both performances of the Pops are sponsored by the Bank of Boston.

Robert Page's program includes a variety of holi-

day favorites. In addition to carols that the audience will be invited to sing, the Pops Orchestra will play the Dream Pandemonium from Humperdinck's *Hansel and Gretel*, the Suite from Tchaikovsky's beloved *Nutcracker*, and Fantasias on Christmas carols. The Springfield Symphony Chorus will sing selections from Handel's *Messiah*.

Maestro Page is in his sixth season as assistant conductor of the Cleveland Orchestra, and in his 14th season as director of its choruses. He is considered one of the most distinguished choral conductors of our time. Page travels throughout the United

States to conduct choral festivals and workshops.

The Springfield Symphony Chorus will join the Springfield Orchestra this coming March 22nd for a performance of the Brahms' *German Requiem*. Springfield Symphony's Music Director, Robert Gutter, will pair this masterpiece with a new composition by Earl Kim entitled *Coronet, A Tale of Love and Death*. The March 22nd performance is part of the "Merrill Lynch Great Performers Series."

Tickets, \$18 to \$6, for the Holiday Pops are now on sale at the Springfield Civic Center Box Office and all Datatix locations. For Phonecharge, call 787-6600.

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**OFFICERS FOR THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING MOHAWKS** pictured with trophies won at the Quincy Christmas Play December 1st. From left - Teresa Martone, Tom Gionfriddo, Michael Chausse, Kelley Bolduc, and Steve Amato. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Marching Mohawks Winners Again

The Agawam High Marching Mohawks took first place at State and New England Parade Championship held in Quincy on Sunday afternoon, December 1st.

The Quincy Christmas Parade is billed as the largest on the East Coast and has been officially designated as the championship parade for high school bands from Massachusetts and New England, with the winning band receiving an invitation to march in the Cotton Bowl Parade in Dallas.

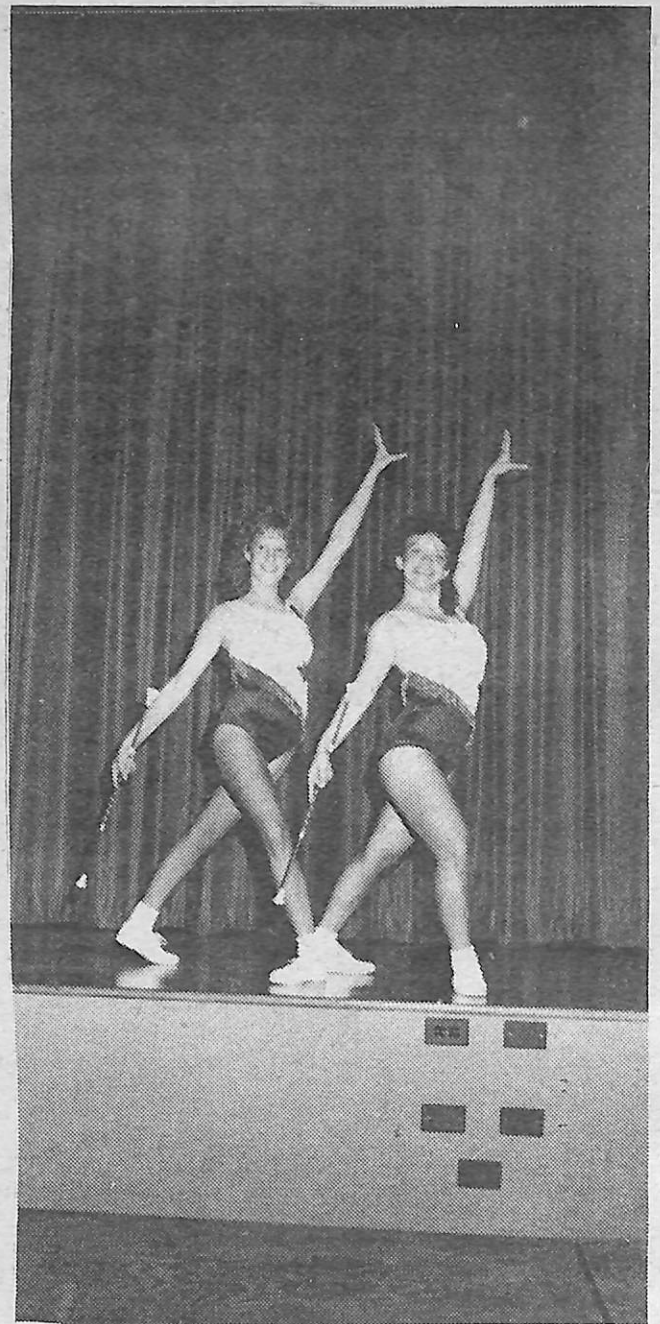
Twenty-seven high school bands in addition to many floats and other units, took part in the three-mile march with the award ceremony taking place in North Quincy High School auditorium at the conclusion of the parade.

In all, Agawam took home six trophies, including four first places, one second, and one third. The first place awards were the overall championship awards for full band/color guard performance in Division II (small bands), best percussion section, best music, and

best baton twirlers (Linda Burnett and Kristyne Wage). The Agawam High Color Guard took second place in their particular activity and drum majors Lisa Ziegert and Teresa Martone took a third place award.

In overall scoring for bands (regardless of size), only four bands were higher than Agawam's 83.6 and these were the winners of the large band division: New Bedford, Abington, and East Bridgewater, who are also the field show champions of the state along with David Prouty High School of Spencer.

Other bands taking part in the parade included high schools from Norton, Bedford, Haverhill, Chicopee Comprehensive, Plymouth-Carver, Quincy, Franklin, Bishop Feehan (Attleboro), Whitman-Hanson, Sturbridge, Lawrence, North Quincy, Chicopee, Southbridge, Douglas, Pittsfield, Milton, Weymouth, Holbrook, Somerville, Fairhaven and Portsmouth, Rhode Island.



**AGAWAM HIGH'S** featured baton twirlers: Kristyne Wage and Linda Burnett took the top award for baton twirling at the Massachusetts State and New England Parade Championship Contest in Quincy on Sunday, December 1st. photo courtesy of David Pulaski.

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## Two AHS Juniors To Compete In Annual Legion Contest

by Alexis Ferioli  
School Department Editor

For the second consecutive year, two Agawam High School juniors, Rosemarie Stack and Michelle Blanchard, will compete in the Annual "Oratorical Contest" sponsored by the American Legion Wilson Thompson Post 185, Friday, December 20th.

Originated in the 1950's, the contest's aim is to promote student knowledge of the United States Constitution.

Contestants, who compete for scholarship prize money totaling \$16,000 on the national level, are required to speak for eight minutes about any topic pertaining to the constitution.

Local legion contest Chairman Edward Hottin points out that students are judged in the areas of subject knowledgeability, speaking ability, and overall presence. A \$100 prize is awarded the winner while \$25 is awarded for second place.

He reports that, last year, Miss Stack won both the local and district competition. However, she placed second in the regional event and, therefore, was disqualified from further competition. Miss Blanchard placed second in the local competition.

AHS contest coordinator Lawrence O'Brien believes that the contest is worthwhile since it involves public speaking as well as research of the constitution.

According to him, both students have an excellent chance for victory in this year's contest due to the experiences they gained the previous year.

O'Brien, an English teacher, reports that he has been aiding both girls with the grammatical aspect of their speeches while history teacher Joseph Zabielski has been helping them research the constitution.

He relates that as the winner of the local competition advances in the contest, she will be required to give a three-minute spontaneous speech about one of several topics relating to the constitution.

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**AGAWAM HIGH JUNIOR ROSEMARIE STACK** will be competing in the Annual Oratorical Contest sponsored by the American Legion Wilson Thompson Post 185, Friday, December 20th. Pictured with Miss Stack are her faculty advisor, Larry O'Brien (right) and Ed Hottin, district chairman of the contest from the Agawam American Legion. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Drug Workshop For AHS Athletes

On Monday, December 9th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Agawam High School cafeteria, a Chemical Awareness Workshop will be held for the students, parents, and coaches.

All student athletes of the Winter Sports Season and at least one of their parents will be required to attend this meeting to participate in the 1985-1986 Winter Sports Season.

The purpose of this workshop will be to meet the coaches and to explain to both the students and parents the rules governing the participation in the winter athletic program.

James Frantz of the Agawam Police Department, and Ronald Rix, health educator at Agawam High School, will be running a workshop on drug and alcohol awareness.

Frantz and Rix travel in the northeast region of the United States running workshops on preventative approaches to drug and alcohol use and abuse.

Also addressed in this workshop will be the commitment needed by students, parents, school officials, and community members in reducing the incidences of chemical use and abuse by teenagers.

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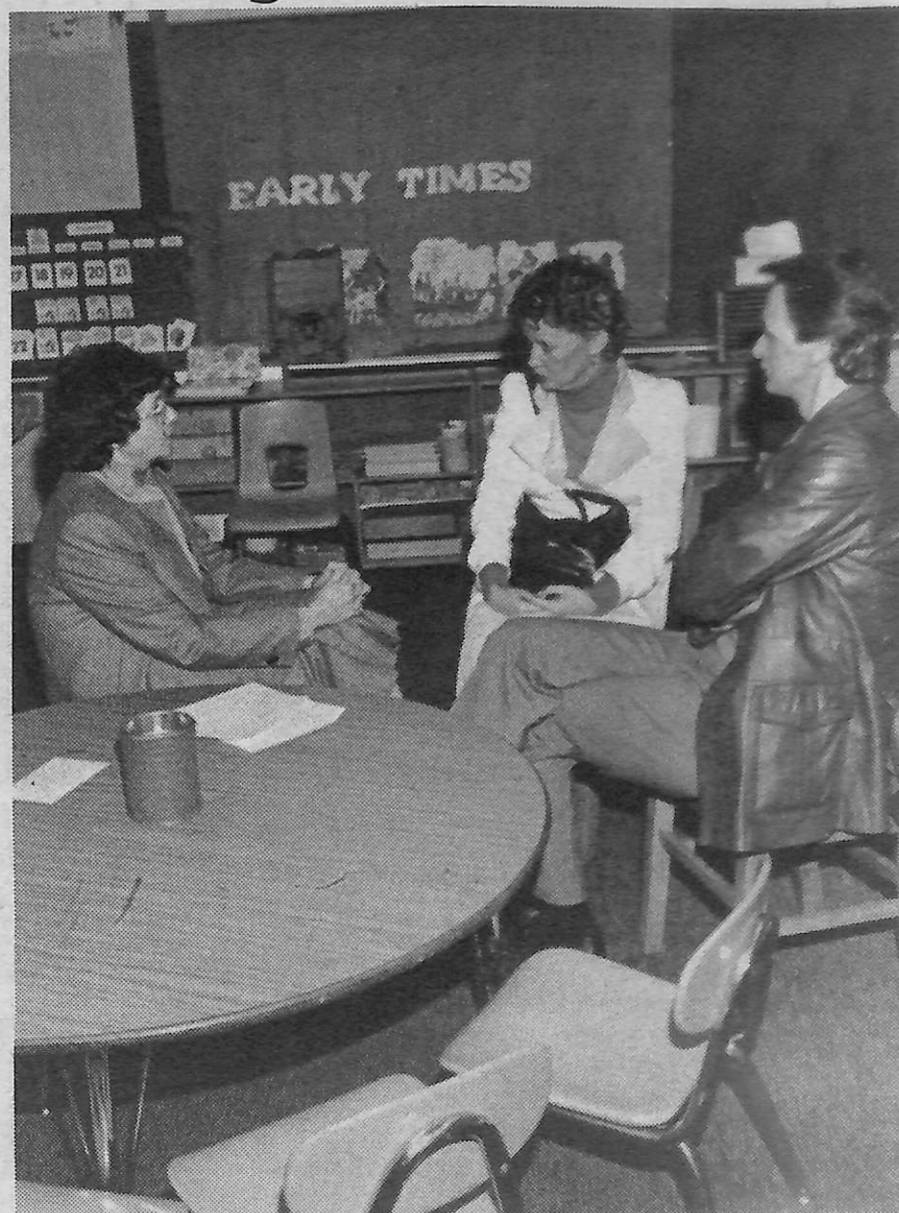
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## Open House Held At Granger School



**ALICE & GEORGE BOTTASSO** enjoy a conversation with Room 20 teacher **Helen Maslauskas** at the school's open house. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**GRANGER SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN TEACHER Ann Favreau** meets with parents **Claire and Gerry O'Toole** of South West Street, Feeding Hills, at an open house held at the school. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### LEGION CONTEST - From Page 25...

Since the contestants will not know in advance about what topic they will be asked to speak, in-depth research of the constitution, its articles, and amendments is mandatory.

"Although the oratorical contest is very demanding, I'm confident both Rosemarie and Michelle will do very well in the local competition. Hopefully, we'll see one of them advance to the state and national finals," remarks O'Brien.



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## Essay Contest Winner



**WINNER OF OUR ESSAY CONTEST FOR HALLOWEEN** was Susan Nickerson, a student at Robinson Park School. She lives on Maynard Street, Feeding Hills.

## Science Museum Presents Halley's Comet Session

On the evenings of December 13th and 14th, the Science Museum will conduct outdoor Halley's Comet observation sessions. The first session in November drew a crowd of over 60 people and, although dim, the comet was sighted.

Observers are invited to meet at the museum at 7:00 p.m., where maps and directions to a choice viewing spot will be distributed. You will be out in the field until approximately 9:00 p.m.

To prepare for this event, dress very warmly and bring binoculars and a flashlight with red cellophane covering the lighted end. The comet will probably not yet be visible to the unaided eye, so binoculars are especially important. The museum will provide a telescope as well.

Robert Staron, curator of physical science at the museum, will be the group leader. He will provide star maps indicating the comet's location and help people spot it in the sky. Other celestial wonders which will be visible are Jupiter, Pleiades, the Great Nebula in Orion, the Andromeda Galaxy, and other constellations.

If it is overcast, the sessions will be cancelled. Please call the museum before 5:00 p.m., if you are in doubt. The sessions are free, and children must be accompanied by an adult.

Future sessions will be held on January 10th and 11th. For further information, please call the museum, 733-1194.

## Financial Aid Night At Agawam High School

The Guidance Department at Agawam High School will host a financial aid night for the parents of seniors who are planning to further their education.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Lee Sirois, director of Financial Aid at American International College. Sirois will explain the Financial Aid Form (FAF) in detail. The FAF must be filed by every student if he/she desires financial aid from any institution of higher learning.

Since financial aid forms cannot be sent until after January 1st, 1986, the financial aid night will be held on Tuesday, December 17th, at 7:00 p.m., in the high school cafeteria. The guidance department will supply the FAFs, along with other important financial aid material. This program is a must for the parents of college bound students.

## Agawam School Lunch Menus

**Monday, December 9th:** Pizza with cheese topping, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and dressing, chilled fruit cup, milk.

**Tuesday, December 10th:** ½ day of school. No lunches served.

**Wednesday, December 11th:** Chilled grape juice, hamburger in buttered roll, steamed rice, buttered broccoli cuts, mustard, relish, catsup, school baked oatmeal cookies, milk.

**Thursday, December 12th:** Beef cubes in gravy on whipped potatoes, buttered carrots, whole wheat bread and butter, cake with hot fudge sauce, milk.

**Friday, December 13th:** Chicken soup with vegetables, ½ tuna salad sandwich, ½ peanut butter sandwich, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and dressing, vanilla pudding with topping, milk.

## Santa Claus Set To Arrive In Agawam

Santa will arrive by helicopter on Saturday, December 21st. He will land at Wade Park (off Franklin Street, which runs between Springfield and Mill Streets) at about 1:00 p.m., and stay until 4:00 p.m.

Santa's elves (Agawam High cheerleaders) will be assisting Santa. Pictures of your child with Santa will be available at a minimal charge.

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**WINNERS IN THE ANNUAL SOCIAL STUDIES FAIR** held at the Middle School, November 26th are, from left - Steve Rueli, Philip Gaylor, Marc Scortino, Todd Gionfriddo, Ed Jancura, Sandy Albano, Ellen Paleologopoulos, Scott Russell, Brett Boskiewicz, Keith O'Connell, Christina Baldyga, Monica Davio, Nancy Altobelli, Teresa Desmarais, and Jennifer Rosner. Judges for the event were teachers (back, from left) Fran O'Leary, Bob Farrell, and Thomas Dacey. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Middle School Presents Prizes To Social Studies Fair Winners

by Alexis Ferioli  
School Department Editor

Organized in 1945 at the end of World War II, the United Nations promotes international peace and security.

As a means of recognizing the United Nations role in the world today, seventh grade Agawam Middle School students participated in the seventh annual "Social Studies Fair," Tuesday, November 26th.

Held in conjunction with United Nations Day, the mandatory event featured approximately 200 exhibits.

Seventh grade social studies teacher Francis O'Leary points out that students working alone or in pairs were required to select a U.N. member

country and construct either a map, chart, or model.

Students, who were encouraged to use their imaginations, were allowed to use any materials and designs in the construction of their exhibits.

Creativity, originality, and neatness were the main criteria O'Leary and fellow social studies teachers Robert Farrell and Thomas Dacey looked for when judging the students' exhibits.

Farrell notes that although the exhibits were basically the same quality of those in the past, more unusual materials were utilized in their construction this year.

Moreover, due to the excellent quality of this year's projects, judging was a difficult task.

Farrell relates that the fair was also scheduled to coincide with Open House so that parents could witness the many creative projects.

Among the 15 students who received trophies for their imaginative exhibits were Philip Gaylor, Todd Gionfriddo, Teresa Desmarais, Jennifer Rosner, Marc Scortino, Ed Jancura, Monica Davio, and Christina Baldyga.

Other trophy winners included Steve Rueli, Brett Boskiewicz, Scott Russell, Sandy Albano, Ellen Paleologopoulos, Nancy Altobelli, and Keith O'Connell.

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## Robinson Park School Grade 5, Room 19 Mrs. Linda Ulrick

Haiku  
Autumn is here and  
Thanksgiving is in autumn  
So let's celebrate.

**Edward Lalancette**

Autumn Haiku  
Autumn days are here.  
Red and yellow green leaves  
Falling from the trees

**Stacey Johnson**

Thanksgiving  
Cold November days,  
The Autumn leaves fall from trees,  
Thanksgiving turkey.

**Gina Milillo**

Turkeys cooking.  
Having gravy on mashed potatoes.  
A time to enjoy.  
Nobody is full.  
Kids enjoy.  
Squash.  
Going to get turkey.  
Inviting people to come over.  
Visiting.  
Ice cream cake.  
Nuts.  
Going to see relatives.

**Bryan Dusza**

Turkeys can be very fun to eat.  
Hash browns and squash.  
All the plates are full.  
Nice silverware to use.  
Knives and forks and spoons.  
Sizzled red cranberry sauce.  
Grape juice and wine.

Idaho potatoes.  
Vines of grape.  
I know I want to be there.  
Nice company.  
Giving to others.

**John Champigny**

Turkey.  
Harvesting corn.  
Ancestors.  
No dessert until after dinner.  
Kindness.  
Stuffing.  
Gravy.  
Indian corn.  
Vegetables.  
Indians and Pilgrims.  
November.  
Going visiting.

**Robert Buoniconti**

Turkey.  
Harvest time.  
All relatives and friends are hungry.  
Nobody is hungry after the great meal.  
Keeping everyone out of the food before dinner.  
Singing songs.  
Giving little gifts.  
Inviting relatives over.  
Very good food.  
Inviting friends for turkey.  
Never getting bored.  
Greetings and good-byes.

**Stacey Johnson**

Turkey.  
Having a lot of food.  
All the plates are full.  
No empty stomachs.  
Known all over America.  
Ship named "The Mayflower."  
Gravy.  
Idaho potatoes.  
Vegetables.  
Indians.  
Nebraska corn.  
Going to the high school football game.

**Joey Gaylor**

Thanksgiving.  
Having  
All friends over.  
No bad food.  
Killing a turkey.  
Saving leftovers.  
Good food.  
Inventing new ways to cook turkey.  
Very good stuffing.  
Inviting friends over for leftovers.  
No bad wine.  
Grape juice.

**Paul Markowski**

Thankful for the food.  
Happy feelings.  
All relatives gather.  
No leftovers.  
Kindness.  
Special celebration.  
Giving gifts.  
Indians.  
Vacation from school.  
Inviting people to our house for dinner.  
Nice food and decorations.  
Grandma's apple pie.

**Sharon Waite**

Turkeys.  
Happy people everywhere.  
Applesauce.  
Nuts.  
Killing the turkey.  
Saving leftovers.  
Giving thanks.  
Interesting things happen.  
Vines hold grapes.  
Interesting people you see.  
Night time walks.  
Get together.

**Kathy Bodman**

Thanking God.  
Having friends over for supper.  
All harvests come out.  
No one will stop eating.  
Kids come over.  
Singing songs on Thanksgiving.  
Grandma and Grampa come over.  
In come people at night.  
Very good soup was made.  
In the house, turkey is cooking.  
Nobody leaves too late.  
Giving leftovers to the dog.

**Alan Niemic**



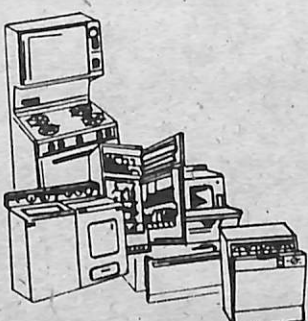
Turkey.  
Ham.  
Always eating.  
No, I'll pass on that.  
Kitchen.  
Spoon.  
Giggles.  
I'll help eat the turkey.  
Very hungry.  
Ingredients.  
No more food, I'm stuffed.  
Groovy gravy!

**Rebecka St. Peter**

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**KIDS KORNER - From Page 30...**

Thank you for the  
 Heaping pile of meat  
 All piled on the dish.  
 Nobody can wait until dinner time.  
 Kitchen smells drift through the door.  
 Smelling like applesauce.  
 Gravy sits in the pot until  
 It's done.  
 Vegetables and potatoes too.  
 I make an apple pie.  
 Nothing's better than  
 Giving thanks.

Katie O'Brien

Turkey.  
 Hungry.  
 All waiting for the turkey dinner.  
 Nutritious food.  
 Knocking down your milk.  
 Serving the turkey.  
 Giving out little imitation turkeys.  
 Inviting relatives over.  
 Vegetables.  
 Indians.  
 Nineteen pound turkey.  
 Game animals.

Andre Carrier

Turkeys, cranberries, and rice.  
 Having  
 A good time at the party.  
 Nobody should be hungry after dinner.  
 Keeping good behavior.  
 Satisfied after dinner.  
 Good party.  
 Inviting relatives.  
 Visiting people.  
 Indians.  
 Nuts with ice cream.  
 Good turkey.

Regina Casiello

Turkey.  
 Having pies.  
 All plates are empty.  
 No leftover food.  
 Kites flying in the sky.  
 Sauce on noodles.  
 Games.  
 I'm full.  
 Vines full of grapes.  
 I go out to play before the meal.  
 Now we go out to play.  
 Going to the parade.

Sean River

Turkeys.  
 Having turkey and cranberry sauce to eat.  
 All of my friends and relatives come over.  
 Never being hungry after dinner.  
 Keeping everybody full.  
 Steaming turkey.  
 Good food.  
 Introducing friends to family.  
 Very hot gravy.  
 Inviting relatives over.  
 Not too full to eat dessert.  
 Giving greetings to family.

Gina Milillo

Thankful.  
 Harvest time.  
 Apple pie.  
 Now let's eat.  
 Kisses.  
 Smelling hot food.  
 Give thanks.  
 Invite family.  
 Very good food.  
 Indians.  
 Nice decorations.  
 Going to get the turkey.

Raymond Drewnowski

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ENJOYING A PRE-THANKSGIVING DAY FEAST at the Agawam Nursery School are, from left - Brendan and Andrea Greeley; Jan and Chris Rousseau; and Dara and Mary Lou Magagnoli. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PARENT JOSEPH MAGAGNOLI helps Agawam Nursery School director Mary Ann Page prepare a Thanksgiving feast for her students on November 25th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Agawam Nursery School Has Thanksgiving Feast

The Agawam Nursery School celebrated Thanksgiving in a big way this year. Each class had their very own Thanksgiving dinner with turkey and all the trimmings. Parents donated time, talent, and their choice of food dishes, which the children helped to prepare.

Moms, grandmas, and some dads were present to see their children, dressed in Pilgrim bonnets and collars, recite "Five Little Pilgrims" and sing a Thanksgiving blessing.

After a delicious feast, which included butter made by the children, the "Pilgrims" turned into the Agawam Nursery Indian Tribe. They donned Indian headdresses that they had made in class. Each child had chosen his or her own Indian name which was printed on their headbands.

They performed several poems and songs of the season which delighted their parents and teachers.

Mary Ann Page, director of the nursery school, and Susan Salinardi, assistant teacher, were very proud of the children and all that they had learned about Thanksgiving and "giving thanks."

## Holiday Gift Shop Early Project Of New Middle School PTO

by Alexis Ferioli  
School Department Editor

For the first time, Agawam Middle School students will be able to do their Christmas shopping while at school by visiting the "Holiday Gift Shop," December 10th, 11th, and 12th.

Sponsored by the school's Parent Teacher Organization, the project not only is a fundraiser, but also a means for students to make inexpensive purchases for the special people on their holiday shopping lists.

Located in the school auditorium, the Holiday Gift Shop will feature a wide variety of items ranging in price from 10 cents to \$5.

Among the items shoppers will be able to purchase are key rings, note pads, jewelry, knick-knacks, school supplies, posters, mugs, and stickers.

Staffed by volunteer PTO members, the holiday store will be open to sixth and seventh graders during the study periods as well as a half hour after school each of the three days.

Middle School Vice Principal William Sapelli believes that the project is a great idea, one which will boost the students' Christmas spirit.

"Ralph Zavarella (Principal) and I feel that the gift shop not only will be something positive for the students, but also will help to develop interaction between students, parents, and staff. We're very pleased by the efforts of our new PTO and believe that this project is another step in the right direction," Sapelli states.



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## Winter Concert Set For Ag. Middle School Wednesday, Dec. 11th

by Alexis Ferioli  
School Department Editor

In celebration of the holiday season, the Agawam Middle School Music Department will present its annual Winter Concert, Wednesday, December 11th, at 7:00 p.m. at the high school auditorium.

The three-part, 90-minute program will feature the talents of students in the concert band, chorus, and string ensemble under the direction of Tammy Watson, Lee Files, and Dorothy Hegarty, respectively.

Besides seasonal favorites, the concert will include several popular and classical renditions.

As a special highlight of the program, the combined groups, which number 300, will perform "Jingle Bells" as the show's finale.

Tickets for the concert are \$1 and will be sold at the door. Monies earned will be earmarked for future transportation and equipment costs for all three groups.

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Ms. Watson, who is also instrumental director at the junior high, reports that the junior high Music Department presented its annual Winter Concert, Wednesday, December 4th.

Groups participating in the event included the concert band, string orchestra, and chorus under the direction of herself, Ms. Hegarty, and Susan Brown, respectively.

The program, which featured a variety of music as well as seasonal favorites, was highlighted by the combined group finale of "A Very Merry Christmas."

Ms. Watson states that students at both schools have been working diligently since September in preparation for the holiday concerts.

She notes that several of these young musicians and singers will be competing at the All Western Massachusetts Band, Choral, and Orchestral auditions at the University of Massachusetts, Saturday, December 7th.

According to her, Agawam has more students participating in the prestigious event than any other local community.

Moreover, the music departments of both schools will visit Heritage Hall, the Agawam Senior Center, and local shopping malls this holiday season.

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Ms. Watson reports that spring will also be a busy time for both schools as the junior high jazz band travels to Newport, Rhode Island, in May for their annual competition.

May will also host the annual String Festival and Choral Showcase.

In addition, music students will participate in "The World's Largest Concert" in March, "Band Time," and the Memorial Day Parade.

"We have scheduled many events and activities in which our young music students will participate. This year promises to be an exciting and enjoyable one for students of both schools," comments Ms. Watson.

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**KIDS KORNER - From Page 32...**

The turkey smelling through the house.  
 Having everybody chip in.  
 All the relatives come over.  
 Nobody hates to eat.  
 Kids running around.  
 Special dinner.  
 Good food to eat.  
 Inside everybody busy making dinners.  
 Victorious food for everyone.  
 In the oven is a hot turkey.  
 Nobody hates the food.  
 Good behavior.

**Theresa Netherton**

Turkey is all ready.  
 Have some.  
 And perhaps you would like a  
 Napkin.  
 Keep eating the  
 Scrumptious turkey.  
 Guess after dinner we will play  
 Indian and some other games.  
 Very little food was left when  
 I went to get some of mom's corn  
 Niblets.  
 Gee, Thanksgiving sure is fun.

**Scott Rider**

Turkeys.  
 Having some help to cut food.  
 Asking for help with applesauce.  
 No empty plates.  
 Known all over the country.  
 Save food.  
 Give poor people food.  
 Invite people to Thanksgiving.  
 Vegetables and meat.  
 Invite people you know.  
 No empty stomachs.  
 Give some freedom to others.

**Scott Gamache**

**What Christmas Means To Me**  
**Phelps Schools — Grade 4**  
**Catherine Gaudreau**

Christmas means pretty houses. Christmas is showing the people you are related to how you feel. Christmas is a happy time of the year! Christmas is spending time with your loved ones! Christmas is going out in a snowstorm. Christmas is staying out of school for a long vacation!

**William McCarthy**  
**29 Regency Park Drive**

Christmas is my best holiday in the year! I like Christmas time because of all the love and warmth it brings to families around the world. How I like the nice fire that burns and the beautiful Christmas tree with all the decorations on it. It makes me feel good! Christmas is also a time for caring and showing it to family and friends.

**Cynthia Ann Jawitz**  
**17 Wyman Street**

Christmas means love to me. The houses are so pretty with all the decorations on them. On Christmas all my family including my aunts and uncles and grandmothers come over. We all give thanks at this time too. Then we all share in opening our presents. I can't wait.

**Erin Griffin**  
**27 Alhambra Circle**

I feel real happy sitting with my mom and dad by the Christmas tree. I love opening my presents on Christmas morning and then calling all my friends. After we go out for Christmas dinner and sing Christmas carols together! It's always a real exciting time of the year!

**Tina Louise Lavigne**  
**36 Karen Drive**

A few days before Christmas my family and I buy a huge Christmas tree. We all decorate it together with beautiful lights, ornaments and silver beads. We even sing Christmas songs. My dad and I light the fire place too. We feel happy, cozy and warm.

**Jay Reopel**  
**85 North Alhambra Circle**

Christmas is a time for happiness! It is fun to see other people opening presents as well as getting presents too. I like making our house look pretty at this time of the year! My whole family is real happy!

**Marshall Manfredi**  
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## Feeding Infants With Congenital Heart Disease

Each year, 25,000 babies are born with congenital heart defects. Congenital heart defects are abnormalities, present at birth, in the structure of the heart.

Most congenital heart defects either obstruct the flow of blood or reroute the blood. Defects can also include a blockage of the electrical impulses responsible for the heartbeat.

In most cases, science doesn't know what causes the heart to develop abnormally before a baby is born.

### Delayed Growth

One problem common among babies with congenital heart defects is delayed growth during infancy and childhood.

A number of factors related to congenital heart defects can also interfere with a baby's growth. These include poor appetite, increased caloric needs, decreased food intake because of rapid breathing, frequent respiratory infections, poor absorption of nutrients, or decreased oxygen in the blood.

A baby's failure to grow may also be due to hereditary or genetic conditions, pre-birth conditions, or additional non-cardiac defects.

But the most common reason for poor growth may be that the baby is not taking enough calories or nutrients. And sometimes, even if a baby seems to drink enough formula or breast milk, he or she may still gain weight slowly for reasons not fully understood.

How much nourishment does a baby need? During a 24-hour period, a normal healthy baby drinks two to three ounces of formula or breast milk for each pound of body weight. By six weeks of age, a baby usually takes 20 ounces of formula each day. A baby with a heart defect is often unable to take this usual amount of food.

### Counteracting Problem

The problem can be counteracted by increasing the number of calories in the formula a baby can comfortably take. Or a baby can be fed more often. A doctor, nutritionist, or nurse can advise a parent on specific steps that should be taken with a baby that is not gaining weight.

When being fed, a baby should be held in a semi-upright position, with the baby's head well above his or her stomach. Swallowing and breathing will be easier in this position and it will help prevent choking or aspiration which can occur when formula falls back into the baby's breathing passage.

By the fourth or fifth month of age, a healthy baby usually doubles his or her birth weight. It is often acceptable for a baby with a heart defect to gain less than one pound per month. The appropriate weight gain for a specific baby should be determined by the doctor.

Sometimes, a baby is too sick or weak to be fed orally and a tube must be inserted into the stomach. Even in these cases, the baby should be held or caressed as much as possible. Being physically close to a parent during feeding times is important.

Through medical intervention, drug therapy, and surgery, many congenital heart defects can be corrected. Children with heart defects can often reach satisfactory growth by the time they are adolescents.

The American Heart Association recommends that if a parent has feeding problems or questions about their baby's growth, they talk with their physician, nurse, or dietitian.

## Good Eye Care A Must For High Technology Times

By Dr. Richard Gallarani  
Feeding Hills Optometrist

High technology is making new demands on us today, including demands on our vision as a result of the use of computer video display terminals (VDTs).

The use of VDTs, whether in the office, home or classroom, has resulted in complaints often stemming from visual stress. Nearly 70 percent of data entry operators in one survey complained of eyestrain while greater than one third complained of blurred vision. Other common complaints included headaches, occasional doubling of vision, neck, back or shoulder pain, or excessive fatigue.

### Most Common Causes

The most common causes of visual complaints by VDT users often are brought about by the aggravation of already existing vision problems which do not otherwise affect the person's ability to function.

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That is why the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health and the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists recommend thorough eye examinations periodically, usually each year, for VDT users.

At the time of the examination, the doctor of optometry should be advised that the patient is a VDT user and about any specific symptoms that the patient is experiencing. It is also important to mention the specific distance and angle of the VDT screen. Letter size, color, background color, and information about the work environment (overhead lighting, nearest window, etc.) is also helpful.

### Suggestions For Comfort

Suggestions for making VDT use more comfortable may include placing reference materials as close to the VDT screen as possible to avoid frequent large eye and hand movements; that keyboard, screen, and copy be placed at equal distances from the eyes; that the VDT screen be placed slightly below eye level (20 degrees); that VDTs be placed to avoid glare from windows, overhead lights and other sources; that operators take periodic eye rest breaks; and that lighting be adjusted to levels lower than that customarily used in offices. The contrast of screen letters and background should be adjusted to maximum comfort.

Complaints resulting from visual stress of VDT operators generally can be eliminated or significantly reduced when professional optometric care and workplace environmental controls are sought.

## Holyoke Hospital Presents Blood Pressure Clinic

Holyoke Hospital will offer a free blood pressure clinic, Thursday, December 12th, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the hospital's main lobby.

The clinic is open to the public and is presented by the hospital free of charge as a community service.

The hospital will also sponsor a free blood pressure clinic the following week, on Tuesday, December 17th, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the main lobby.

For further information, contact Karen Turmel, R.N., 534-2514.



AGAWAM CANCER CRUSADE CHAIRWOMAN Ruth Zucco presents 12 year-old volunteer Chris Gusik with her cancer citation. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Chris Gusik Receives Cancer Society Award

Chris Gusik, 12, an eighth grade student at the Agawam Junior High School, has received a special citation from Agawam Cancer Crusade Chairwoman Ruth Zucco for outstanding service in the fight against the dreadful disease.

Miss Gusik has been collecting for the American Cancer Society since age eight. She also collects for the heart fund, leukemia fund, and the arthritis fund.

"Chris is certainly an outstanding young lady," said Mrs. Zucco. "She donates her time and energies to these many charities because she truly cares about people."

Miss Gusik said she collects for the charities because "I hope to help in a small way to cure all these terrible diseases." She also said that in honor of her two late grandfathers, she will continue to volunteer her time to the charities. One grandfather died of heart disease and the second passed away from leukemia.

Miss Gusik is the daughter of Robert & Donna Gusik of 21 Alfred Circle, Agawam. She has two younger brothers, Michael and David.

She is a big help to Mrs. Gusik with the household chores and by also keeping an eye on her youngest brother. She also babysits outside the home.

Last summer, Miss Gusik spent two weeks at her grandmother's home to help her grandmother recuperate from an illness.

"Chris is an outstanding person for such a young age. She is both a credit to her parents and to the community," added Mrs. Zucco.

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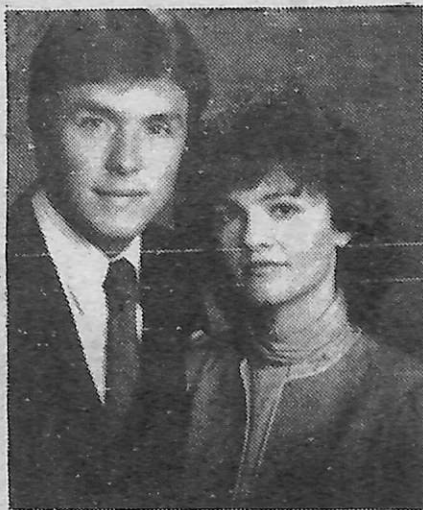
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# Sports

## THE GAME: AHS Stops West Side



**SENIOR HALFBACK KEN BERARD** accepts the pigskin from QB Pete Saracino en route to a good first quarter gain. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Berard Strikes Twice To Lead Big Comeback

by Judith Kelliher  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

A football win over long-time archrival West Springfield High on Thanksgiving Day certainly can't turn around the heartache and pain of a losing season for the Agawam High varsity - but it sure serves as much needed and lasting relief to the start of next season.

For the Brownies, its 15-12 come-from-behind victory over the Terriers may not have drastically improved its record (3-7-2-5 AA) for 1985, but it may have left the locals with a sense of pride and hope for better things to come for the future of Agawam football.

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**AGAWAM HIGH VARSITY CHEERLEADERS** keep nice and warm prior to the start of the Turkey Day clash. Back row, from left - Bridget Crean, Nancy Merchant, Mona Leclair, Joanne Canty, Linda Cosby, Karen Daborowski, and Michelle Montesi. Front row - Jennifer Brantley, Amy White, Gina Falleti, and Kathy Jemiolo. Missing: Gina Dialessi. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Pride, Passion Guide Brownies To Victory

by Judith Kelliher  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

There was once a book about "Pride and Passion." The freezing rain, sleet, and raw cold at Harmon Smith Field on Thanksgiving morning took a back seat when Agawam and West Side High Schools clashed for the 60th time on the schoolboy gridiron.

There's always a special feeling to this game. While the oldtimers might say its simply not the same, the 1985 Agawam Brownies weren't about to believe it. Two teams with nothing to lose (both are in the AA

Conference cellar) but everything to gain with a season-ending victory saw the rotten November weather as little consequence.

The more than 800 brave souls who huddled under blankets and cheered on their respective teams were treated to a fine feast of schoolboy football and a huge dash of pride and passion that is rooted in The Game.

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Agawam's 15-12 come-from-behind victory was probably its best overall performance of this season, except maybe for the mid-season stunner over Classical. However, winning The Game was definitely the most satisfying...just ask any of the 15 graduating seniors or first-year coach Joe Modzelewski.

As in most Brownie contests in this 3-7 1985 season, falling behind early was the norm - coming back was a rarity.

But this was The Game and this was different. After trailing 12-0 early in the third period, Agawam's defense put the hammer down on West Side, while the offense came to full life behind the bruising bolts through the line by senior halfback Ken Berard.

On the winning drive, clutch passes from senior quarterback Peter Saracino to John Cappuccilli also proved to be the Terriers' downfall.

Yeah. This one was different. For sure. Two schoolboy teams with sub-par records playing football on a holiday when the freezing rain and sleet were trying to steal the limelight from that turkey cooking in mom's oven...but this was The Game.

**Began To Wear-Out Terriers**

The turning point for Agawam came midway into the third quarter. The Brownies began beating on the Terriers' defense in the slimy trenches en route to a nine-play drive to paydirt, capped by Berard's first of two touchdowns. He ended with 46 carries and 190 yards, his best stats of his football life. But this was The Game.

He ended the 1985 campaign with over 1,200 yards rushing.

Thanks to key blocking from teammates Bob Altobelli, Tony Moccio, Jeff O'Keefe, and Jim Maloney, the Brownies' offense again pounded and pounded some more in the fourth quarter.

After Mike McGrath recovered a costly Terriers' fumble, the Brownies used a time-consuming 11-play drive for the winning edge. This time, Berard crashed in from a yard out after running the ball nine times in this decisive series.

Saracino showed much mettle in connecting with Cappuccilli for 13 yards on a third-and-13 situation to keep the march alive.

Before it was finally over, Tony Ingham and Todd Godek picked-off a pass each to kill whatever hopes West Side may have entertained of coming back.

The Brownies used Ingham's interception to officially kill the clock. The hugs, handshakes, and high-fives were everywhere when the scoreboard read zero time

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But dealing with positives is the only way to describe the mood of those involved with Brownie football after the victory. The team's third victory also marked the most by a Brownie team in five years.

Also, it was the team's 40th overall victory against West Side in the series which began in 1924. This was Agawam's third straight over their rivals.

For Brownie coach Joe Modzelewski, a former Brownie griddler who played for the orange and brown during the still-glory-days, the Thanksgiving decision was the best of his coaching career. "It makes coaching all worthwhile," said an elated Modzelewski afterwards. The kids' attitude had a lot to do with the win. It was a big plus for us."

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The Agawam-West Side matchup was one of only a handful of schoolboy games that were played on Thanksgiving. Horrible weather, including sleet, freezing rain, winds, and raw cold forced many of the traditional contests to be postponed.

However, the Brownies braved the elements, much to the delight of Modzelewski.

"I don't feel the weather was too much of a factor. In fact, we seemed to play better. Our three best games of the season, including Classical and Northampton, were all played in this type of rainy weather," Modzelewski said.

One person the rotten conditions couldn't halt was the Brownies halfback Ken Berard. The gutsy, hard-working senior pulled out all the stops with his finest all-around performance of his career - two touchdowns, 190 yards, and 46 carries. The workhorse and his offensive line provided the spark that was desperately needed if the locals were to survive.

At the half, Agawam trailed, 6-0, and 12-0 early in the third quarter.

"We knew we could attack West Side off tackle and to the outside," said Modzelewski. "At halftime we were sure we could hold them scoreless and could

remaining. Agawam had defeated its rival for the third year running.

Because of this, the locals retired the Agawam-West Springfield Elks Trophy, symbolic of the winner of The Game. For three years in a row, the trophy-case at Agawam High can keep this jewel next to the many Western Mass. championships annexed by Browine football over five decades.

Yeah, this one was different. But it was The Game.

do what we had to offensively to come up with the win."

West Side's Jamie Shankle, the same Shankle who mangled Super Bowl-bound and AA Conference champion Chicopee Comp for six touchdowns and 535 yards total offense the week before, did for his team what Berard did for Agawam.

Shankle scored his team's two TD's and compiled 133 yards on 21 carries, although his style is more suited for quick cuts, zigs and zags and the field somewhat hampered this.

In the second quarter, Shankle scored on a 25-yard scamper after returning a punt deep into Brownie territory. West Side's Steve Buonconti missed the extra point but the visitor's took a 6-0 lead with 6:28 to go to the half.

On a similar play, Shankle bolted 24 yards to paydirt early in the third quarter. The two-point conversion failed but things began to look grim for the Brownies.

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The momentum completely turned on the Brownies ensuing possession. The locals sustained a nine-play drive and capped it with a 10-yard TD by Berard. Jay Miller added the extra point to close his team to within 12-7.

Agawam held the Terriers scoreless for the remainder of the game, while it managed to capitalize on a major turnover to score the game-winner in the fourth quarter.

The Terriers fumbled the ball on its first series of the fourth quarter. Big Mike McGrath pounced on the errant ball. The locals, taking possession on its own 46, marched to the Terriers' one-yard line, thanks to the rushing of Berard and two clutch passes from senior quarterback Pete Saracino to tightend John Cappuccilli.

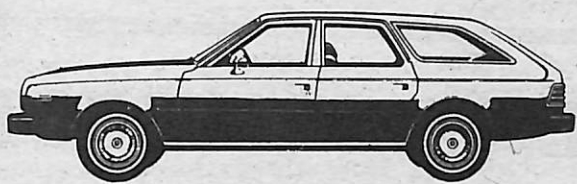
Berard capped the 11-play drive, which seemed to suck much wind from the Terriers, with a one-yard burst into the endzone. The locals added a two-point with a Saracino pass to Cappuccilli.

With only two minutes remaining, defensive back Tony Ingham intercepted a release from Terrier QB Kris Doeringer at the Terriers' 47 to seal the win.

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## Tri-Parish Round 2 Opens With Surprises

A flash in the pan? League doormat St. Anselm, the last place team in Round One, stormed out of the gate to take four wins and the Round Two lead. Also taking four wins were a much-improved Holy Cross team (2nd place) and St. Michael (third place), a team with something to prove this round.

First for Holy Cross, probably the very worst team in the Tri Parish Bowling League over the past three years. They blitzed Loyola (last place), a pretty good team. HC winners included LAURIE SNYDER (262), strong DANA PEPPER (306), ERNIE BLAIR (290), and powerful captain STU STORK (363). In a most satisfying victory, Storkie wasted, pasted, and basted the ego of Loyola captain EDDIE ANDERSON (286).

In its victory over Notre Dame, St. Anselm certainly was impressive. ND has risen from the depths of the second division this year, but really looked bad to open Round Two.

St. A's, the grand champions of 1983-84, were paced by GAIL BLAIR (293) and captain VI MASSOIA, who has shown that painful look after each Monday night since September. Vi rolled a fine 301 to whip ND captain JOHN RESIGNO. Also having a big night was that former Agawam High basketball bruiser, RAY BARBIERI. The well-fed one rocketed 351 pins for his best night of the season.

St. Michael really took out its frustrations on Villanova, the Round One runners-up. If you recall - St. Mike's choked in the 10th week of Round One costing them the title. As for Villanova, they were obviously still feeling the pains of losing to Boston College in the 12th and final week when the two adversaries split, two wins each. Villanova got off to a horrible start vs. St. Mike's and could never recover.

Leading the St. Mike's sweep of Villanova was substitute JOHN O'CONNELL (328). His big win was by enough of a margin to offset the individual victories by Villanova's JEAN BUONICONTI (294) and anchorman STEVE ROVITHIS (324). Also winning for Villanova was Frank "The Lordly Barber" RESIGNO with a 313 (can't blame ole Frankie for this one). However, rolling very well for St. Mike's to maintain the big lead given to them by O'Connell were PAUL DEZIELLE (311) and captain MIKE O'CONNELL (323).

Another team off to a good start in Round Two is St. Mary. They defeated last year's grand champions, St. Louis, three wins to one. St. Lou really came around in the final few weeks of Round One but the team members were shaking their heads after this match.

Winners for St. Mary's were STEVE DEVANEY (316) and AUDREY PHILLIPS (298). Devaney's score was the key to the match. Winners for St. Louis were FELIX PEPPER (280) and captain DEBBIE POIRIER (337), a lass who is really a fine bowler. She stopped St. Mary's captain FRED MORASSI (328), who always seems to be right up with the league's best.

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Round One winner Boston College (fifth place) grabbed three wins over hapless Catholic University (ninth place). For BC, the winners were DORIS KRZYKOWSKI (278), SANDY PRZESZLO (289), TONY DEPALO (303), and Round One MVP Bobby Moccio (297). Bobby had a rather lousy night but he was still smiling at the Lordly Barber for his team's Round One title. If you recall - BC won Round One a year ago and then fell flat on its face the rest of the year and in the championship playoffs.

Georgetown (seventh place) and Fordham (sixth place) engaged in a good tussle, two - wins each. The big story of this match was the return of G-Town captain AL "The Fearsome One" Moccio to league prominence with a huge 366-324 victory over Fordham captain ANN O'CONNELL. Al doesn't like taking a back seat to brother Bobby - and he especially cringes in terror when there's whispering around the league that he's losing it on the lanes. Al showed his so-so Round One might be a thing of the past.

The only other winner for G-Town was JOHN MLINEK (279) but he tied Fordham's Joltin' JOE RESIGNO (279). Fordham also got a good showing from RICH SNYDER and JANICE MOCCIO (298).

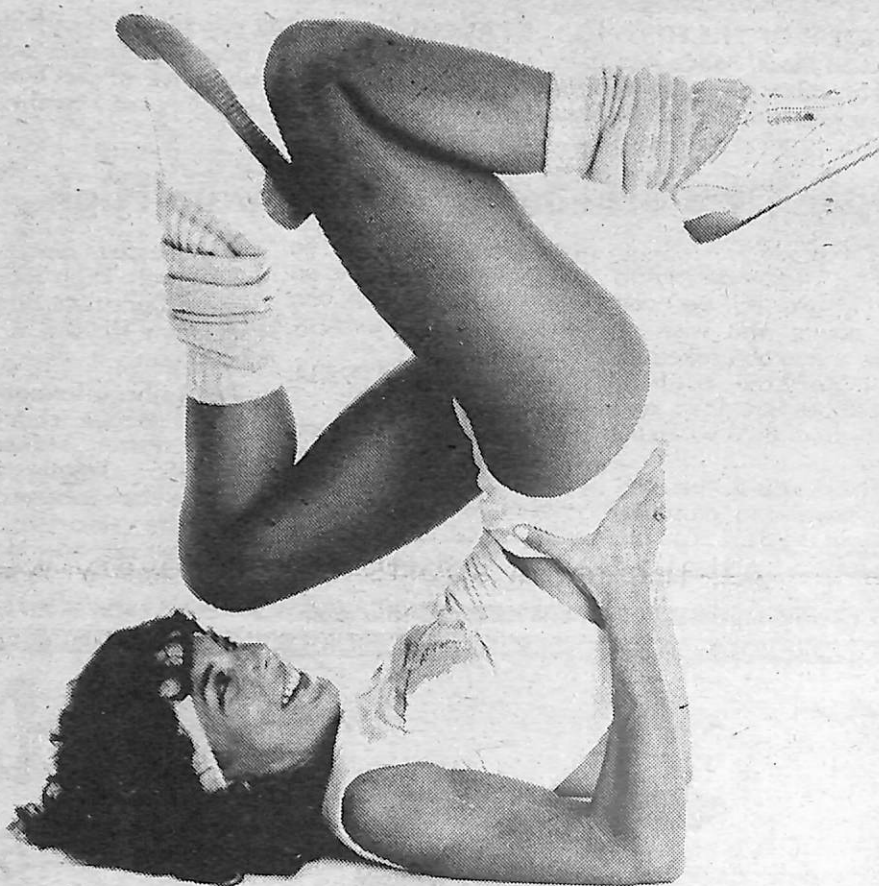
## William Landry Grid Recipient At Nichols

William Landry of Agawam received a major letter for football at the recent Nichols College Fall Sports Banquet, in Dudley.

Landry, a sophomore majoring in public administration, is a graduate of Agawam High School and the son of Edward & Jean Landry of 24 Campbell Drive, Agawam.

Nichols, a four-year independent college with 1,000 students, is a center for the study and practice of free enterprise capitalism, primarily emphasizing business and public administration. Located in Dudley in south-central Massachusetts, Nichols fields nine men's and three women's varsity athletic teams which compete in the NCAA Division III.

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## Agawam Revolver Club Hosts Police Candidates



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### Open Gym Scheduled For Agawam High

#### "OPEN GYM"

The Agawam High School gym will be open for adults who wish to play informal basketball on Monday nights, December 9th, 16th, and 23rd, from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

The cost is \$2 per person, payable to the supervisor at the door. You are requested to bring your own basketball. There will be no program during

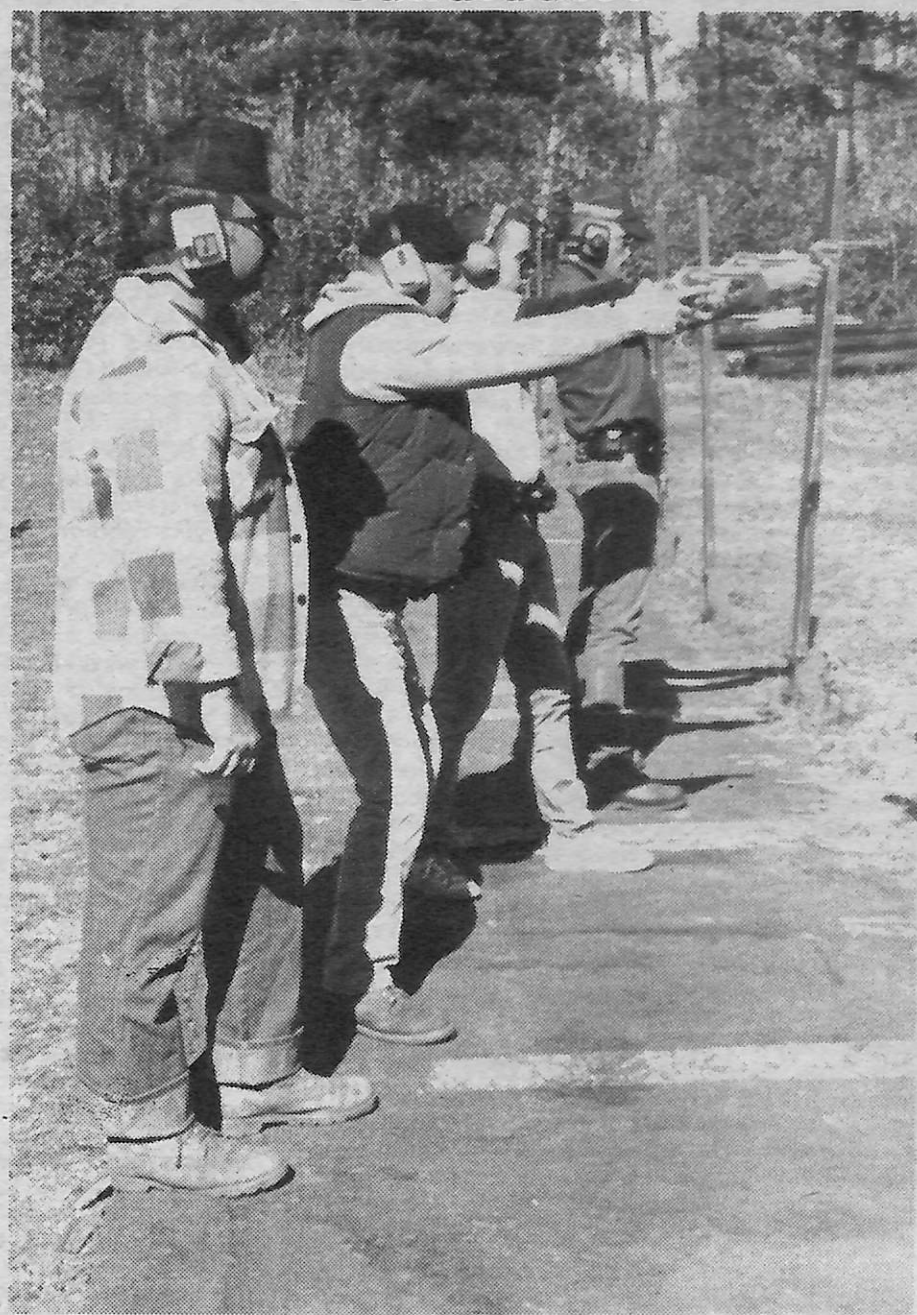
the holiday season. The program will resume on Monday, January 6th, and run through the month of March.

#### MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE "OVER 30"

This adult basketball league is for anyone who has reached their 30th year of life. The "Over 30" League is organized for both total teams or individuals who would like to be assigned to a team.

If interested, report to the Agawam High School Gym on December 8th or 15th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

For further information, contact league commissioner Peter Hanson, 786-2355. Teams will practice each Sunday during the month of December and the games will begin in January 1986.



DONALD LONCTO, firearms consultant from the Agawam Police to the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council watches as fellow officers James Collins, Russell Stevens, and Ronald Willhite practice at the Agawam Revolver Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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## Sportsman's Corner

By Bill Chiba

### Good-Bye Trout Fishing!

Well, the push is on! I predicted months ago that the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife would commence taking away the best trout waters in the state from the majority of license holders that enjoy trout fishing and eating what they catch.

The sentiment that is running through the state in a planned attack is: "anybody that eats a fish they catch is lower than a snake's belly." Outdoor scribes of several papers in the state have written many columns condemning the fish eater and glorifying as "holier than thou" true trout fishermen as the ones that catch a trout and release it.

Trout Unlimited, an organization that does a lot of good in a state, is built on the premise that the members release all the fish that they catch. The organization has exerted great influence into the Fish and Wildlife decision-making by using politics to see that their members are selected and placed on the various boards that have control over the fisheries in Massachusetts.

The Fisheries and Wildlife Board will hold a public hearing Friday, December 13th, 7:00 p.m., at the Westboro Field Headquarters of the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife in Westboro.

The agenda is: to establish new sites throughout the state which have been investigated and selected as new catch-and-release areas in addition to the ones now in effect.

I suggest that if you are interested in what is happening to your fisheries in the state to please attend the meeting and voice your opinion.

The F&W want to establish a permit system to regulate fishing derbies in the Commonwealth.

The F&W want approval of the use of Whetstone Brook for five years as an acid rain study site. This move would mandate a five-year closure of Whetstone Brook. The state has obtained a \$500,000 grant to carry on the project. It is worthwhile and should be given the green light. Over six percent of our fishing waters have gone sterile from acid rain. If we are to combat the trend, we have to act now.

The F&W wants the acceptance of amendments to the regulations governing propagation and possession of birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians. The amendments proposed would prohibit the possession of wild animals as pets; establish standards for the issuance of licenses to artificially propagate animals; and to establish standards for their proper care and maintenance.

#### Paraplegic Hunters Have A Big Season

Twenty-eight handicapped hunters took part in a special deer hunt on October 31st and November 1st and 2nd. Twelve of them took deer which, according to hunt leader Dick Burrell, makes this the most outstanding season in the 14 years of the program.

The hunt, which is held annually, is open to paraplegic sportsmen from all parts of the Commonwealth. Application to participate in the special program should be made in writing to: Dick Burrell, Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, Field Headquarters, Westboro, MA, 01581.

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### ZEARN'S HELLIONS:

Back row, from left - Coach Ted Zearn, Mike Brusseau, Chris Dudek, Justin Baker, David Campbell, and Rich Carra. Front row - Shawn Skelley, Joe Bianca, Todd Zern, Steve Tremblay, and Jonathan Kapner. Missing - Marc Curto, James Camidge, Ryan Harlin, Joe Iarrusso, and assistant coaches Paul Harlin and Don Skelley.

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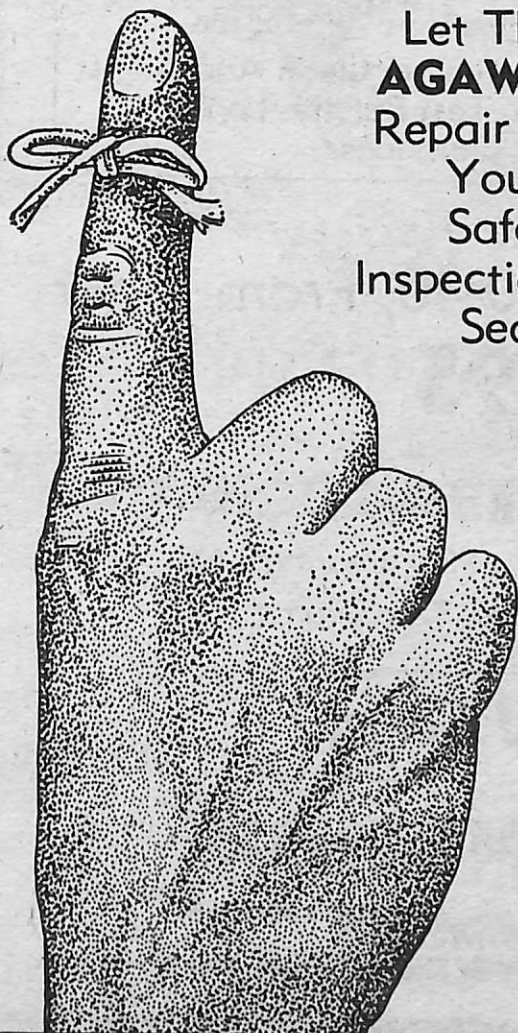
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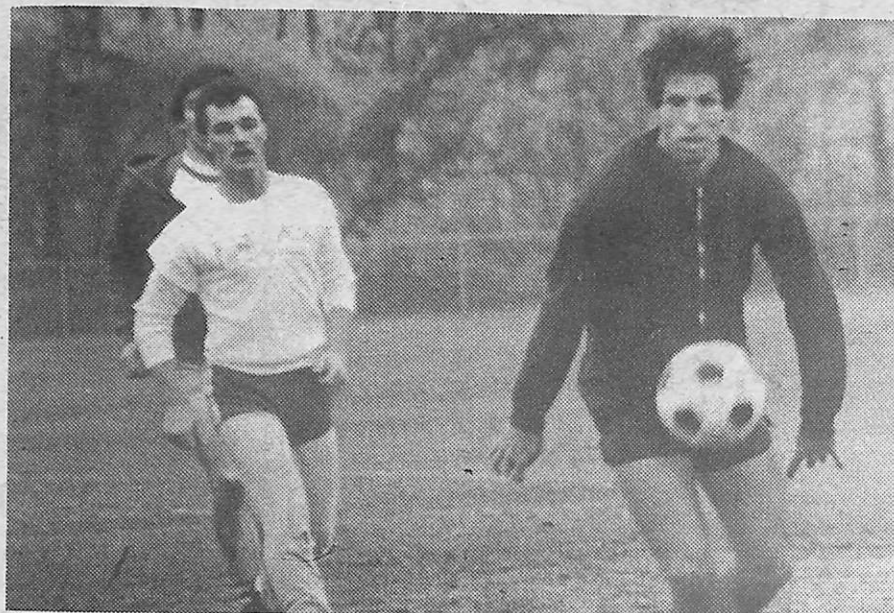
**AGAWAM HIGH ALUMNI John Devine** moves in on the action on Saturday, November 30th, in Annual Alumni Soccer Game at Harmon Smith Field. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**1973 GRADUATE GARY WEBSTER** moves the ball downfield as John Devine looks on...



**REAL OLDTIMER DOUG BORGATTI** (left), a graduate of 1970, returned from New Jersey to show the youngsters how it is done. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



...and quickly proves to 1983 Alumni member Will Fairlie (back) that he's still got some pretty good moves. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

## Annual AHS Alumni Soccer Game Very Wet

Although only 19 alumni and five varsity players showed up for the 1985 Agawam High Boys' Soccer Alumni Game on a cold and rainy Saturday, November 30th, enthusiasm wasn't absent.

Two teams of equal talent were formed. The five varsity speedsters teamed with the seven oldest alumni to form the "dark team." Their opponents were the white team, the 12 youngest alumni. Alumni had come from New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, and the Boston area to have fun, compete, and donate to the scholarship fund for the seniors.

Early in the first half, Will Fairlie (1983) scored for the White Team on a 20-yard shot from in front. Tony Caputo (1982) assisted. Ten minutes later, sophomore varsity sensation Ricky Parolo made it 1-1. Parolo stole an errant pass by the young alumni and went in uncontested.

The second half saw both teams swap the lead back and forth. Mike Anderson (1977) tapped one in for the Whites on a pass from Roland Brouillard (1977). Walt Willard (former coach 1968-1974) counted for the Darks by heading in a beautiful cross by the still-talented Gary Webster (1973). With five minutes remaining, David Jenks (1983) put in the apparent game-winner for the Whites. The former AHS scoring machine struck on a fast break from Art Chase (1982). Undaunted, Parolo and Chris Fuchs (1973) set up the Whites again from the right side. Willard trapped in

front and passed to Phi LoMonaco (1974) who made it 3-3, (the final score).

Besides Parolo, varsity players Tom Sullivan, Dave Szabla, Brian Smith, and Peter Sibilia anchored the defense for the older alumni.

Goalkeeper John Devine (1973) and Wayne Mallory (1976) provided exciting diving saves for both teams. Billy O'Brien (1982) and Todd Griffen (1981) showed their dribbling talents, while Doug Borgatti (1970) proved he could still hustle and head the ball. Doug was in town from Little Falls, New Jersey, where he is a Ph.D. research chemist and plant supervisor. Dave Stratton

(1983) and Bill Russell (1981) anchored the White defense, while Kevin Kamyk (1983) and Jeff Leporati (1971) lent plenty of excitement in the wing positions.

All the players involved heartily thanked Richard Waryasz of the Agawam High Soccer Parents Association for donating his time to referee the match. Next year we'll all pray for warmer weather.

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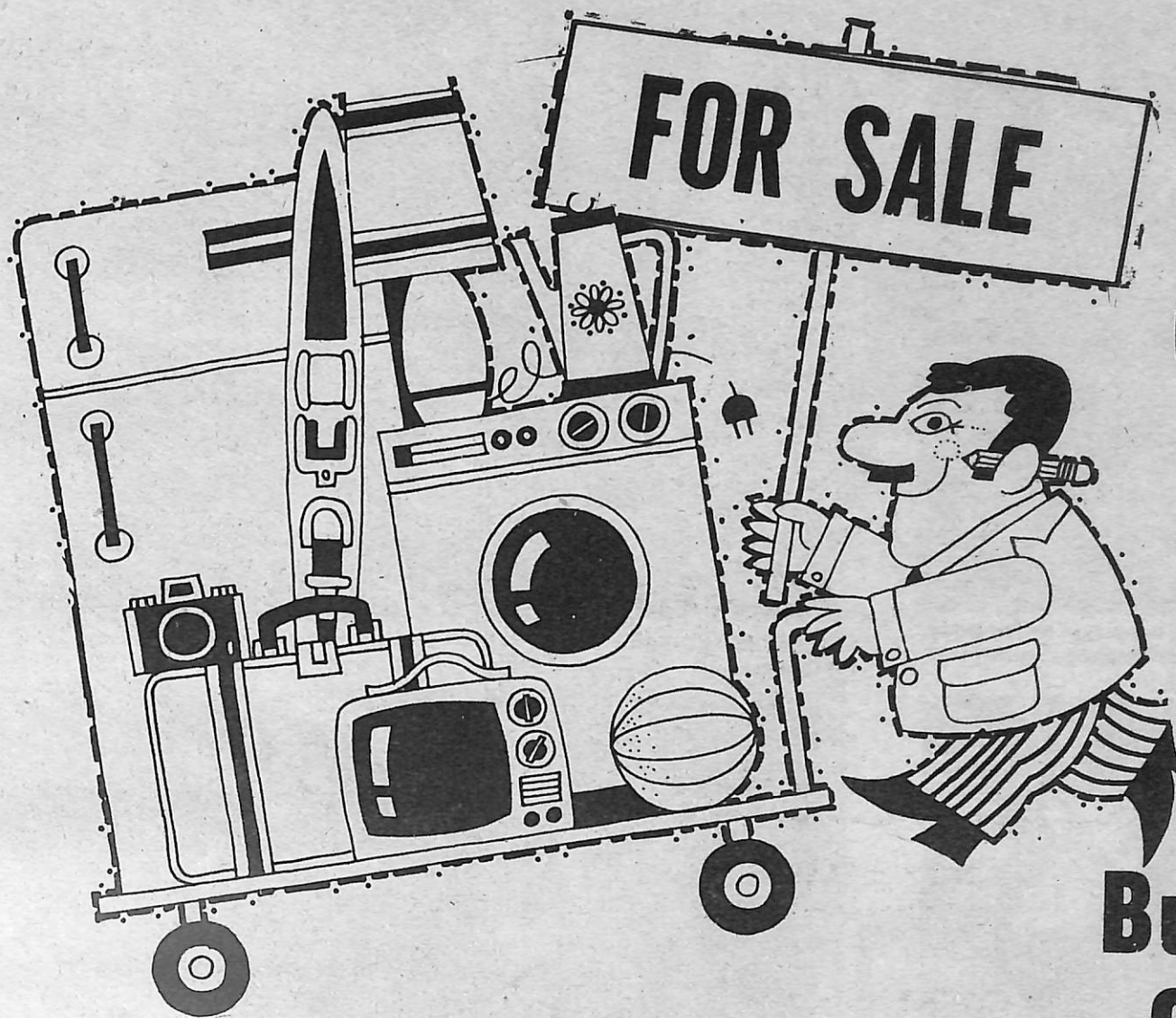
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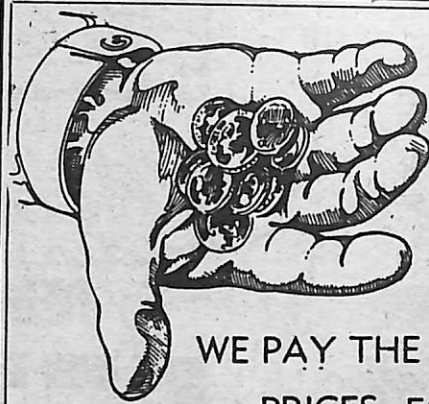
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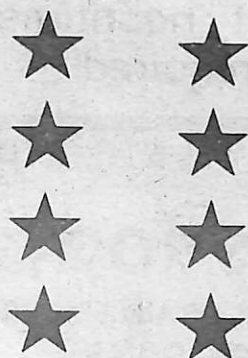
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